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## MATTERS OF MOMENT.

WE have discussed the Paris peace proposals with a number of East Africans in London, with barristers and military men of standing, with City men and responsible journalists, and have not found one who considers them other than disastrous or who does not believe that the British Cabinet, by its failure to reject at once the advice of its Foreign Minister, is doing nothing for the great masses of world dependence won by its policy in recent months. It is not necessary to go pro-Ethiopian to reject the Hoare-Laval proposals as discredited and impractical. By no stretch of the imagination can East Africans be termed pro-Ethiopian, for they know by bitter experience that the Ethiopians have been most unfaithful in their hours of need. However, the Emperor's realm has been suffering manifoldly to bring order out of chaos, to press out of medievalism and centralised autocracy, and they expect him to be guided by any settlement. The great condemnation of the so-called peace plan is that it would leave Italy more than she was offered before she began hostilities incidentally without declaring war and would thus permit an aggression and be a creation of elementary justice.

wards have, in fact, achieved practically nothing in the north, where their main effort has been concentrated, and where there has been no serious resistance at any point, they have still not advanced as far as did the small Italian force of 1905, and there add on the southern front the aerial bombardments by which they expected to destroy Ethiopian moral power to have lost their effect, as *East Africa* predicted months ago would be the case. By its disclosure of these essential facts the peace plan strikes itself as unworkable. It has shattered world confidence in British leadership, made the prospect of severe sanctions almost inevitable, and, in the opinion of many observers, has American participation in an ultimatum on Italy almost beyond the range of possibility. No doubt the whole truth is not to be seen outside a small inner circle, but the widespread conviction that the circle was infidanted into the acceptance of this creditable basis of peace is not regarded by the public as justifying capitulation to the terms, whatever their nature.

SIR ALFRED SHARPE, the Grand Old Man of Nyasaland, will be remembered, and his death mourned by settlers who were loyal when he acted from the British service in Central Africa over a quarter of a century ago. His thirteen years' Government was only a phase of his life, and his association with Nyasaland, for, unlike so many other Colonial Governors, he remained deeply attached to his territory until the end of his life, and any services he could render it was gladly given. He preferred to remain in the background, working unobtrusively but a joyist for the people among whom he best

Moreover, the plan has no relation to the actual facts of the situation, which must be met by appointing an Italian, Italian and possibly military, and pro-Italianly, and a number of the "friendly" countries, whose power is restrained, their troops from assuming a dual role, and has surprised even those who had known the country. In the few weeks of war the







...and he hunted, a gold medalist of the  
 Rhodesian Sports and Past-Presidents of the  
 East African Club.  
 ...in Rhodesia, Africa, in pre-  
 war days. He knew both the Rhodesias, Nyasa-  
 land and the Katanga, virtually, much of the  
 Congo and what was then German East Africa,  
 Uganda, Kenya, the southern Sudan and parts of  
 Ethiopia and after the war he explored the interior  
 of Liberia to examine its fauna and prospects of  
 economic development.

**Private friend of East Africa**

...thirteen years he had returned annually to  
 Nyasaland, where one of his boys is settled  
 (while another, formerly in the Northern Rhodesian  
 Administrative Service, has retired to Natal, and  
 he had booked a passage for tomorrow's train  
 steamer to the Cape. Only a few days before his  
 death he heard that the writer of this notice had  
 graduated to visit Nyasaland in a few months. At  
 once he wrote to insist that he should motor the  
 visitor over the ground unless it was most necessary  
 for him to leave, and two days later came another  
 letter in similar terms: These could have been no  
 wiser, better informed, or more congenial travelling  
 companions.

He had been a true friend to East Africa from  
 the first, encouraging its establishment when both  
 of the project, sending a message of good wishes  
 for the first number, being a frequent contributor to  
 our correspondence columns throughout the inter-  
 vening years, and so abhorring, in such  
 matters, the Eastern Africa Today and To-  
 morrow, and a Settlement in East Africa. Fre-  
 quently he would telephone or write on the morning  
 of publication to intimate privately on some news  
 item or feature article, and his advice was always  
 wise, always given with an engaging self-delegation,  
 and always entirely disinterested. More than once  
 he telephoned me, several hundred miles from  
 London to suggest a change from which authorita-  
 tive information on some difficult problem might be  
 obtained, and when once he gave the editor pro-  
 posed that letters of his sent for publication should  
 for certain reasons be accepted or withheld, he  
 accepted the suggestion with rare charm and alacrity.

**Wonderful book which must have been written**

For ten years or more the writer had urged him  
 at every meeting to write the wonderful auto-  
 biography which he would have given the world,  
 but despite his most interesting The Backbone of  
 Africa, he claimed that books were not in his line.  
 He was at last induced to read his diaries, which  
 were unfortunately lost in London, probably in a  
 taxi, some months ago, but the writer began on the  
 dictation of writing a what would have been an  
 entrancing story. Nobody else would now make  
 his diaries yield their treasures, for many of the  
 cryptic entries were meaningless to others. "Dust-  
 in with Tolson" or "Pretty close shave with  
 elephant" was the way in which he had dismissed  
 an incident which, when he was persuaded to relate  
 it, was shown to be worthy of permanent record.  
 In 1927 was noted so lightly on him that he  
 looked and acted like a man of years, and his  
 sportiveness of spirit found pleasure in the society  
 of younger men devoted to the service of Africa.  
 That was the gateway to his respect and confidence.

He died as he would have wished, in the full  
 vigour of mind and body to the last. With him has  
 passed a man whose like cannot be seen again in  
 Africa as pioneer, hunter, naturalist, sportsman, in  
 every sense of the word, soldier, administrator, and  
 law-giver.

As an equally hunter, he was always with  
 certainty home in Nyasaland. He had maintained  
 that the "habit" of getting away from Government  
 headquarters in Nyasaland as a rule, or a  
 few days shooting in the bush, was a necessary  
 enabling him to meet the various needs of the  
 land, and what the common people were really  
 thinking and saying.

He was the first man to Central Africa to own  
 a motor car, and he gave the country his lead  
 system, always keen on the development of a  
 motor cycle, and he left a motor car on one occasion  
 to take the Administrator to the East African  
 Road on a motor tour to the Cape, with  
 the view of getting him to the Cape in his  
 territory.

When he retired from the Government in 1920,  
 having meantime been made C.B. and K.C.M.G.,  
 Nyasaland was regarded as a model for all other  
 tropical African Dependencies, and it was a lasting  
 regret to him that the latter followed many years  
 in which the Colonial Office seemed to overlook the  
 country for its great potentialities. He had seen  
 all in its great possibilities from the agricultural  
 and mineral standpoint, and he was that the pro-  
 vision of proper railway facilities was thoroughly  
 justified, and he had seen the need of the regulation  
 of the migration of Nyasaland labourers to the  
 Rhodesias and the Band in order to safeguard them  
 on their journeys and to provide for the maintenance  
 of their wages and other dependants during their  
 absence by an arrangement that at least a quarter  
 or possibly up to one half of their wages should  
 be sent as deferred pay through the Government to  
 be tendered to them on their return home. In that  
 Nyasaland alone had been collected, the  
 strengthened taxes could have been collected, the  
 wage earners themselves saved from robbery while  
 away or on their way back, and trade in their home  
 country greatly stimulated. It was a great satis-  
 faction to him that within the last few months a  
 move in that direction has been made, and if his  
 other pleas had not been so long ignored, Nyasa-  
 land would meantime have gained millions of  
 pounds.

He had been one of the first and most persistent  
 advocates of the encouragement of large-scale  
 commercial and mining activities in Nyasaland for  
 the benefit of the most convinced apostles of Africa,  
 the natural gateway to Central Africa, among  
 the earliest to propose complete union of Kenya and  
 Uganda, to believe in one united British East  
 Africa State, and he insisted that Germany had  
 acquired her position in Africa by chicanery and  
 must not be allowed to hold in the continent again.

He was a director of various companies operating



# Mixed Farming

## in East Africa

Mr. G. R. Morrison's *Practical Handbook*

Though it has long been a recognized feature of European settlement in the fertile highlands, and probably in other parts of East Africa also, is to a considerable degree dependent upon the adoption of mixed farming by large numbers of white farmers who may devote themselves to mixed growing there has been no guide which could be recommended to these settlers anxious to diversify his production.

*Mixed Farming in East Africa*, the first book on this important topic, should therefore be assured of a warm welcome. Mr. G. R. Morrison, a settler of some sixteen years' standing and obviously both a practical and a thoughtful man—who, incidentally, is President of the Rongai Valley Settlers' Association—has done his research work well, and deserves the gratitude of his fellow colonists, many of whom should be induced, by his advocacy, to correct their own policy, and adopt one which holds out greater prospects for the individual and for the white landed community as a whole.

The author never allows his enthusiasm for the cause to obscure the need for detailed consideration; lightens his argument with telling simile and attractive turns of phrase; remembers that farming on paper is very different from conducting it with Nature; and gives many examples of the advantages and disadvantages of the right and the wrong types of farming.

### The Objects of Mixed Farming

Mixed farming does not simply mean growing several different crops and possessing a few animals, and the farm which produces the greatest number of saleable commodities is not necessarily the best mixed farm. The principle is dictated purely by economic reasons, the main objects being:

- (1) to spread the interest over not as many commodities as possible, but as many as will thrive together profitably under local conditions;
- (2) the rotation of crops in order to minimize plant diseases and to help retain soil fertility;
- (3) to retain, and even increase, soil fertility;
- (4) to spread, as evenly as possible, over the year both the work of the farm and the income derived from it;
- (5) the intensive use of pastures;
- (6) the elimination of waste and the utilization of all by-products;
- (7) to produce as intensively as possible, in order to reduce the incidence of overhead charges; and
- (8) to produce as much as is economic of what the farmer himself requires.

Mr. Morrison's matter and manner are alike excellent, and of equal value to present and intending settlers. "I can strongly recommend this book to intending settlers as likely to be of the very greatest value," writes Lord Francis Scott, the Kenya settler leader, in an appreciative foreword. The book is published by *East Africa*, 91, Great Northfield, St. London, W.1, at 13s. 6d. post free, the format making it a companion volume to *Soil Culture, Growing with Special Reference to East Africa*.

In his opening chapters the author has painted an extraordinarily attractive picture of life on a farm in East Africa, and he has done so without glossing over the many difficulties to be encountered. He jumps right into his subject by comparing life in England with that in East Africa, and explains an architect will alter plans beyond recognition; in East Africa the settler will start with a mud and wattle

farm which can be converted into a workshop or when a more durable house, planned as he has, has been erected. So with the garden.

It can be laid out entirely according to the taste of the settler's wife. By aid of the bath water it will support the most prolific flowers for the house all the year round. One of the most remarkable features to English eyes will be the hardwork, for he is doing what he is told. He does not spare his head wisely, for livingly, what time he turns down your changes once or twice. The *shamba* boy judges according to the point of view of the settler's animal husbandry, and as such he will tell you his motto is dead and leave. It is sufficient for does not care what he plants or what he plants it all at heart, as often as you suspect he thinks it all for his own business.

He goes on:

It is a living in a house with a garden, with the garden now overgrown, has a large fellow, not so high, surrounded by a garden which you planned and which arose from bare soil with trees which you planted, and amid land which you brought and which you have only fail to appeal to the family to something within you. It is a good deal of what something is vanity."

The writer, in comparing the new settler on his range to East Africa, describing things in a way which the old traveller will enjoy, reviews the reasons of the latter's success in detail, the principles and practice of mixed farming, cereals, the best method of buying land and stock, and gives many valuable hints in sections on building, crops, cattle management, and the treatment of animal diseases. It is, perhaps, a pity that the author has been indisposed to quote new settlers like, and that it cannot be reckoned on those far too few agricultural works in East Africa. The African settler, too, for lack of such advice, has been given, has had to experiment in many directions at great cost of time and energy.

### The Settler's Home

Home management is a subject which the devoted literary men and women of the *Home Building* society of settlement, and Mr. Morrison's, the quality of which has been judged to some extent from the following quotations selected at random:

"In spite of the trials of the past, all have had unchangeable feelings that Nature is at heart on our side. The story of the lady who decided to travel to the country because she preferred to do so by train, of Nature intended her to it only as one of many instances of the self-assurance with which many people, in their own homes, do what Nature really intended to do."

"To continue with the old methods when they have ceased to be profitable in the hope that better times will put things right, for all hours was continuing to turn the handle of a water wheel which had an unsuccessful effort to make it work with a new method, raising the bonnet to touch the people."

The success of the scheme of mixed farming depends upon the grounds, which are greater advantages of agriculture can be best done by a settler who has been a farmer.

The legislation was dealt with long time ago draft it began with conditions of long time ago, but it is not the same as a settler. Well, well, no one can be expected to look at the world as it is. Dairy farming is the most important, but not the most important, feature of a settler's farm. (1) concentrate on the production of a maximum number of (a) include in his farming made him, which is the only way to money at the best of times; (b) include in his products and climate; (c) have some means of production independent of a settler's own chance.

Dairy and poultry for the matter—produce right away, possibly cheese, with pig, all money will be earned several times in the year, and is, for less, liable to disease than most animals.

The cost of the settler's own living is a constant overhead expense, and must, in the early stages at least, be kept as low as possible. Conditions are very favourable. His horse is free, his fuel will be wood from the farm, and he will have milk, butter, cream, and cheese if he cares to make it, and chicken, vegetables, and a small













# Haare-Laval Peace Plan Condemned by World Opinion.

The terms of the Haare-Laval plan of settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war as communicated by the Italian Government were published on Sunday. The text is as follows:—

### EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY

The Governments of Great Britain and France agree to recommend to His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia the acceptance of the following exchanges of territory between Ethiopia and Italy:—

(a) *Italo-Ethiopian*.—Certain strips of land, the approximate limits of the south by the river Ghaya and on the west by a line running from north to south, passing between Aysum to the north and the Italian Galla on the Italian Sea.

(b) *Rectification of frontier* between the Italian country and Eritrea, leaving to the south of the boundary line Aysum and a segment of Eritrean territory, intended to give Ethiopia an outlet to the sea as detailed below.

(c) *Rectification of frontiers* between the Italian and Italian Somaliland, starting from the junction point between the frontiers of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Italian Somaliland, the new Italo-Ethiopian frontier should follow a general north-easterly direction, creating the zone which is added to Italian territory to the east. It is arranged that a zone of land, the frontier of which is to be a line which intersects the 13th meridian, the right of the strip of land, remaining to the west of the frontier area and which is situated in the territory allotted to the Italian administration should be guaranteed.

(d) *Ethiopian-Eritrean frontier*.—The frontier should be formed preferably by a line which follows the coast of the Eritrean Sea, and a line which runs through the port of Assab, the port of Berbera, and the port of Djibouti, the latter of which is Italian land.

The United Kingdom and French Governments will support to the utmost the Ethiopian Government's guarantees for the maintenance of the obligations which devolve upon them regarding slavery and slave traffic in the territories referred to above.

### THE ZONE OF ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND SETTLEMENT

The United Kingdom and French Governments will support to the utmost the Ethiopian Government's will to the maintenance of the zone of economic expansion and settlement in the territories referred to above, and will support to the utmost the Ethiopian Government's will to the maintenance of the zone of economic expansion and settlement in the territories referred to above.

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The control of the Italo-Ethiopian administration in the zone would be exercised, under the supervision of the Emperor, by the services of the scheme of assistance drawn up by the League of Nations, and already agreed by the Emperor as extending over the whole area of Ethiopian administration.

The Government of the United Kingdom and the French Government will willingly endeavour to ensure that the principles and details of which must be elaborated by the League of Nations, fully safeguards the interests of Italy in this regard.

The modified text was introduced into the text communicated to the Ethiopian Government. The principal of Section II is defined as follows:—

The United Kingdom and French Governments recommend His Majesty the Emperor to accept and will support to the utmost the approval of the League of Nations of the formation in Southern Ethiopia of a zone of economic expansion and settlement reserved for Italy.

A few words have been added to the end of the last sentence of the fourth paragraph of Section II. These are as follows:—

The control of the Ethiopian administration in the zone would be exercised under the supervision of the Emperor, by the services of the scheme of assistance drawn up by the League of Nations, and already agreed by the Emperor as extending over the whole area of Ethiopian administration.

### World Renounces Propriety

There was prompt denunciation of the almost every country except Italy, criticism being particularly strong and general in Great Britain, Dominions, the United States, Switzerland and the smaller European Powers.

The British Government had instructed its ambassador in Addis Ababa to give a verbal message to the Emperor, and to express the hope that the Emperor would be satisfied to accept the terms of the proposition which had been put forward by the League of Nations, and to accept the terms of the proposition which had been put forward by the League of Nations, and to accept the terms of the proposition which had been put forward by the League of Nations.

The British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, in a statement to the House of Commons, said that the British Government was deeply disappointed by the terms of the Italian proposal, and that it was not possible for the British Government to support the Italian proposal.

The French Government also expressed its disappointment, and said that it was not possible for the French Government to support the Italian proposal.

The League of Nations also expressed its disappointment, and said that it was not possible for the League of Nations to support the Italian proposal.

The United States Government also expressed its disappointment, and said that it was not possible for the United States Government to support the Italian proposal.

The Swiss Government also expressed its disappointment, and said that it was not possible for the Swiss Government to support the Italian proposal.









**Mineral Personalities**

Mr. C. C. Brown, a former director of the Rhodesian Mining and Metallurgical Corporation, has left the country for Kenya.  
 Mr. J. W. D. Phillips, head of Rhodesian Mines, has left for the Southern Rhodesia.  
 Mr. B. G. M. F. Smith, M.A., has taken up the management of the "Kerridge Mines" in Renhalsburg, Southern Rhodesia.  
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## Mr. H. L. M. Lytells Resigns

The tenth ordinary general meeting of the Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.) was held in London last week. Mr. H. L. M. Lytells, chairman of the bank, presided. After the Secretary had read the notices concerning the meeting, the Chairman said, *inter alia*:

"Since our last meeting we have suffered a great deal through the death of our deputy-chairman, Sir J. H. B. de la Motte, who was for many years chairman of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd. and one of the amalgamations he had effected was a valuable service to the bank. He was chairman of the London Committee and had been deputy chairman of the Bank since 1925. He also worked with regard to the formation of the C. H. Harbord Agency for the service of the Colonial Bank in 1923, became general manager of Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.), and was afterwards a member of the London Committee."

"Sir John Caulett, former general manager of the Bank, has been elected deputy chairman. You will recollect that when the amalgamation forming this Bank took place, Sir John Caulett was general manager, and I have no hesitation in saying that his services during the time he held that office have been of exceptional and outstanding value. I am glad that as deputy chairman, Sir John will continue to be in close touch with the Bank's affairs. The shareholders will wish to join with his many friends in congratulating him upon his appointment as president of the Institute of Bankers, a well-deserved honor."

"Sir Richard Grayson, of C. O., has been elected deputy chairman, and Mr. A. C. Barnes, chairman of the local Board in Egypt, has been elected to the Board. Sir John Caulett and Sir Harold Ely, Deputy Chairman, have been elected members of the London Committee. The Board consists of the following: Sir John Caulett, chairman; Mr. H. L. M. Lytells, deputy chairman; Mr. A. C. Barnes, Mr. J. E. Broadfield, and Mr. J. G. Fisher, who have been appointed since our last meeting. Mr. Broadfield was an assistant general manager of this Bank at the time of the amalgamation. As a former member of the London Committee, Mr. Grayson has been in close touch with the affairs of the Bank for some years. He has at various times visited the Bank's branches in South and East Africa, in Egypt, and in Palestine."

### Chairman's Visit to South Africa

"To-morrow I sail for South Africa, where I hope to visit many branches of the Bank in the Union and the Rhodesias, and to have the pleasure of again meeting Mr. Leitch, chairman of the South African Board, and his colleagues, and also the members of the local boards and the Rhodesian Committee, wherever I can arrange to meet friends of the Bank. My colleague, Mr. A. C. Barnes, will, I am glad to say, accompany me in visiting the principal branches."

"In connection with their Majesties' Silver Jubilee celebrations a hearty welcome was extended in the country to General Herzig, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of South Africa, and the Hon. E. J. Duncan, Minister of Mines, also to the Hon. G. M. Botha, Prime Minister and Minister of Native Affairs for Southern Rhodesia. The present year also marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Union of South Africa."

"A joint official announcement has recently been made by the Post Office and the General Post Office to the effect that it is intended that a new air mail service, operating between London and Durban, twice weekly in each direction, should begin in 1937, when the existing arrangements expire. The new service, which will be operated by flying boats, will proceed by Egypt and the Sudan, thence round the East and Mombasa, Dar es Salaam, Beira, and Lourenco Marques, the whole distance from London to Durban taking four and a half days. It is understood that the relative airmail charges will be much reduced, and these increased facilities will, without doubt, prove of considerable benefit."

"In Southern Rhodesia business conditions continued to show progress throughout the year, mainly as an outcome of the expansion of the gold mining industry. In Northern Rhodesia activity, expansion and a large constructional programme on the copper field, were retarded. Since June 1935, production has been restricted in accordance with the agreement for curtailment of production concluded at a World Copper Producers' Conference held in New York last March. Since then stocks have shown a reduction, and the price of the metal has improved."

### Progress in East Africa

"In East Africa, while the farming community is still suffering from the effects of several successive years of drought, locust invasions and the severe slump in primary commodity prices, there are indications of improved conditions. During the second half of the current year wheat, wheat-draw, sorghum and wool have all benefited. There has also been a rise in prices for a bright range of other commodities. The maize market, however, has continued to be depressed, and low prices have ruled for some time past. The price of cotton has also improved."

"Further progress has been made in the development of gold mining. From 1934 the output of gold was 50,000 of gold was exported during the first six months of the year, and in Kenya, although the majority of the more important companies have not yet reached the production stage, the mining industry as a whole is showing signs of recovery. In the Colony of the East, gold has been exported in small quantities, and a section of plants is being erected in the three Provinces of the Colony, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika in respect of the period January to June, 1935, the total revenue in respect of gold was estimated at £1,000,000."

"Turning to the balance sheet, it will be seen that the profit has now risen to nearly £700,000, and is an increase of about £200,000 compared with the previous year. On the liability side, the current deposit and other deposits amount to £1,000,000, which compares with £750,000 for the previous year. Notes in circulation are £2,000,000, showing an increase of £250,000, which compares with £1,750,000 in 1934. The increase of £250,000 is due to the issue of new notes, the balance sheet of the bank being funded with £1,000,000, which has increased to £1,250,000. The surplus reserves held by the bank are £1,000,000, which compares with £750,000 in 1934. The production of £1,000,000 of gold and silver coins counted £1,000,000, showing a production of £1,270,000. The notes issued at September 30, 1934, the production being estimated at £1,000,000. The Bank's investments at September 30 stood at £23,440,000, and showed a profit of £2,300,000 since a year ago, while the Bank's premises account stands at £2,500,000, practically the same as last year. Plans are afoot for the new premises which the Bank is to erect in Cairo and also in Bloemfontein."

### Increased Net Profit

"The net profit for the year, after making provision of bad and doubtful debts and other charges amounting to £73,400, to which may be added £2,000,000 brought forward, making a total of £2,010,000, is a great gain, the net profit being an increase of £1,000,000 compared with last year. This is principally due to the increased demand for advances, and the Bank has again seen a satisfactory expansion in regard to loans and deposits."

"The Board has this year decided upon a place of £1,000,000 to Reserve Fund, bringing that fund up to £1,750,000, which is the best service for income tax, compared with £750,000 last year, and which dividend at the rate of 6% per annum on the cumulative preference shares and 5% per annum on the "A" and "B" shares were paid in June last. The Board now proposes the payment of final dividends at the rate of 5% per annum on the cumulative preference shares, and at the rate of 6% per annum on the "A" and "B" shares. The dividend for the year, therefore, on the "A" and "B" shares is at the rate of 11%, which is 1% higher than for the previous year. After making these appropriations there remains a balance of £2,000,000 to carry forward."

"Before I move the adoption of the report and accounts I should like, on behalf of the Board, to pay tribute to the local directors, general managers in London and South Africa, managers and every member of the staff, both at home and overseas, and to thank you and all for their loyal service." (Applause.)

"Sir John Caulett, deputy chairman, in seconding the motion, said that they had every reason to be satisfied with the progress which had been made. The resolution was carried unanimously."

"The chairman next moved the reelection of the retiring directors, Mr. W. O. Stevenson, Mr. Edwin Fisher, Mr. A. B. Gillett, and Mr. A. C. Barnes, and this was also seconded by the deputy-chairman and unanimously approved."

"Sir Harold Snape, proposing a vote of thanks to the staff, said that it was to the great command of staff who all over the world bore the heat and burden of the day that they owed their thanks for the results placed before the shareholders. (Applause.) This was seconded by Mr. Joseph Mann and unanimously carried."

"After Mr. E. P. Broadfield had expressed the thanks of the staff, Mr. V. C. Herbert Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors."

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Air Mail Passengers

OWING to heavy Christmas mail loads no passengers were carried by the air mail which left London on December 23...

East African Mails

MAILS for Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar close at the G.P.O., London, at 6 p.m. on December 31...

East African Estates

THE annual report of East African Estates Ltd. for the year ended 31st December 1934...

Sudan Construction and Equipment Company

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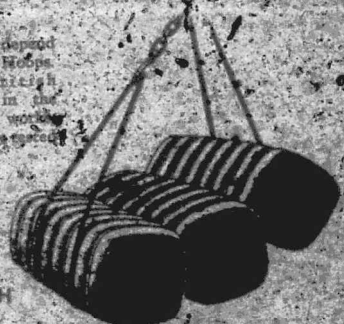
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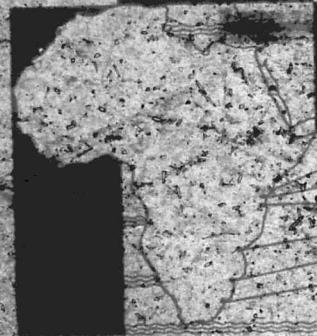


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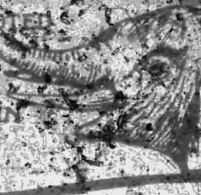
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# How the Settler got the Hump.

THIS is the story of how the settler got the hump. For the past half-century or more, when East Africa was shewn up as a land of opportunity, the settlers were beginning to settle and were trying to make something out of a Howler Desert which was alternatively called an Earthly Paradise, there came a man to ruck over them and he was a Howler himself. He lived in a tremendous big palace surrounded by countless maids, and when anybody spoke to him of making any suggestions, he said that "Humph!"—just that and no more.

These were the days and much the wisest settler came to him and suggested this and that, and the Howler said "Humph!" Then came a splendidous Indian, and he suggested that and this, and the Howler said "Humph!"

And after him came a most melodious missionary, and as he was thinking back he suggested that, and this and that, and the Howler said "Humph!"

Now the three men who had used to the Howler were all men of infinite resources and sagacity, so much so that no one of them could ever agree with either of the others, and as each of them wanted different things, the Humph-Howler got very much every time because when he said "Humph!" to one and the other two explained him for his stupidity and sagacity.

But the leading and much-influential settler, though he thought the Howler was certainly wise to say "Humph!" to the others, was disappointed that he must be the most common-sense man to say it to himself, so he wrote to "The Times" about it, and the "Manchester Guardian" with very much the same sort of ideas about the Howler, walked away in great disgust and refused to have anything more to do with anybody else, and when the most melodious missionary wrote to "The Manchester Guardian" and asked what was the best coming to.

Then the Howler opened his mouth and said that he looked at the matter and swallow himself, but he said "Humph!" only yawned and said "Humph!" and then he said "Humph!" and then he said "Humph!" and then he said "Humph!" and then he said "Humph!"

But though the Howler had walked by himself and

not get anywhere, the leading and much-influential settler was a man of infinite resource and sagacity, and so, in his case, was the most melodious missionary, and the leading and much-influential settler not only rattled his sabre and stamped and thumped and puffed and danced, but he wrote letters to his influential friends in England protesting about all the most important hardships put upon him and his friends and relations by the people with historic names, which are pronounced all different in how they are such, but how they came by those names, and how the pronunciations came, a quite a different story, asked some strings of questions in the House of Lords, and in the House of Commons.

And the most melodious missionary had had a grand time in the villages and chapels and in the Vauchell Bridge Road, and his friends held meetings in the Central Hall and other places, and got other friends to ask more questions in the Houses of Parliament.

And the Secretary of State said he would ask His Excellency the Howler to report.

Now the Howler couldn't say "Humph!" to the Secretary of State, but he did say "Humph!" to the Chief Secretary and the Treasurer, and to other people. By the Secretary of State he temporised and wrapped up his answer upon carefully and carefully a mass of verbiage and sent it on, and the Secretary of State informed the most influential people that His Majesty's Government did not see any need for further action.

But the influential people, specially the friends and relations of the leading and much-influential settler, were very angry, and held a plenary for hours, and were most terribly annoyed with the Secretary of State, and with the Howler, sitting out there, most participation in and laughing at them, so they buckled on their armour again, and started to raise the dust in the House of Lords and in the House of Commons.

And the Secretary of State scratched his head, and while he was doing so, he looked up at the Howler, which was hung upon his back. "Governments! Our trust! Our trust!" he appointed Councillors to go out, and being

the first of deposits, he sent Councillors to look into the Water and Gas, and Land and Air, and the Railway and the Post and the Education, and the Union, and Educational, and everything that was mentioned by the friends of the leading and much-influential settler, and the melodious missionary.

And when he went to sleep, that gave great relief to the Cabinet, because the Cabinet was most fearfully busy with brighter post offices, safer crossings, ribbon developments, milk boards, fuel subsidies, special arrangements and disarmament, notes and reasons, and all sorts of things, and didn't want to be bothered with the Colonies.

So the Commissioners came along, rolling in clouds of dust, and stopping here and there to have a wash and now views with all the Three—for even the Indian who walked alone came out of his shell and was vociferous.

But none of the Three was as vociferous as the least of the Commissioners, who instead of that, he had to be talked most of the time, himself because they already had their own opinions. Then they went back and wrote reports which were printed. And in some cases the Government agreed with the reports, and in some other cases it disagreed, and in the rest it didn't know, but in every case it did nothing.

And East Africa had to pay the bills.

### POINTS FROM READERS' LETTERS

What's good for the goose is good for Uganda. — The Financial Commissioner fell on when he clipped his wings.

Sudan. — Aikhen, the courageous old Arab, and don't scold him, the other old boy, whored the British check as soon as she was out of his hands.

I see we have what is called maize meal in Southern Rhodesia. Is this a new name? It would be kinder and more desirable if I might hear a milliardable.

Lotoboro is now looking bleak with usual prices going up the East of living coming down, and the people being brought ahead to the goal of comfort and happiness, and the better leaders, sidetracking Government's design.

We have just been to Cape Town and watched on the cable railway to the top of Table Mountain. This is an excellent idea which might be adopted by the few hundred settlers in the Two Is, who are doing trading on a small scale, with a few by way that could develop a lot with the Ladies on the cable.





















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### "Dina Matari."

#### Authoritative Life of Stanley.

Stanley, the first circumnavigator of the Victoria Nyanza, the discoverer of Lake Albert Edward and the Semliki Nile, of the Mountains of the Moon, and greatest achievement of all the man who proved that Livingstone's Lualaba was the Congo and not the Nile, Stanley who, without a doubt, so far as geographical achievements were concerned, was the greatest of African explorers, died on May 10, 1904, at Richmond Terrace, Whitehall.

I have culled that from Sir Harry Johnston's obituary notice of the "Globe" those few achievements in mortal fame, the only man to whom the R.G.S. has thus awarded its gold medal, a man who left a permanent name on the map of Africa, which was first placed in 1807 (Napoleonic Campaign) and last in 1877 as the name of the British South Africa Company at Victoria Falls. It was quoted to me by what Frank Hird describes as "A. M. Stanley," Stanley Paul, 188.) and so show that even if it is a first-class biography, well written and easy to read, it is a book that concerns all East Africans.

Stanley's teaching of the simplicity of Christianity to the heathen led directly to the founding of the Uganda Protectorate, which in turn led to Kenya. Or that, of the train which he built in East Africa, the founding of the Congo Free State, and of much else else, the volume deals with as fairly and in due proportion.

This book has a greater value however than as a mere synopsis of a life of adventure, endurance and persistence. It presents for the first time an authoritative, which is the heart of the man, at different times the suspense and heroism of the world, and gives illuminating sidelights of some of our contemporaries, e.g. King Leopold and Gladstone.

On occasion Stanley had to fight for his life and that of his porters. Crossing Africa from Zanzibar to Berma, it was of course the first crossing through really savage tribes, whose only ideas of carrying were of spears, it is inevitable that he should have had to do so. He just had to, for through or he and his party would have been annihilated, but the following is quoted in this book from Sir Harry Johnston, an authority, who has travelled in many of the scenes of Stanley's exploits.

No sparing word is given in my hearing which from the lips of an African. He was, nevertheless, ready, sympathetic and just. Universal respect was shown to him. It was a most remarkable character he left behind him, and one.

Two of the quotations may be given, the first to show the value of the book, the second illustrative of the romance, and it will make your mouth water.

It has been stated that Stanley was a "free" man, a subject of the Congo State, but the Government man said that it was incorrect. In consequence of this statement it is still believed that the best of reasons for the stipulation of British subjects to England, a immensely valuable portion of the Congo. The stipulation and the deduction are both untrue.

Ivory in that region is abundant as fuel. The village supplies the wood supplied by 33 large tanks, was made of ivory, which is used for pounding meal, and smaller pieces of the bark of the tree were of the same material.

The allusion to the "free" man of the tribes was with a view to a local market for ivory, and it is not clear that any general map should have been given.

### Ranching in Rhodesia.

#### Mr. Wilfrid Robertson's Book.

SIX MONTHS of Mr. Wilfrid Robertson's "Rhodesian Ranching" (Blackie, 5s.) is given to a straightforward and readable account of the author's experiences as a settler in Southern Rhodesia, from the time he first broke virgin land until it was converted into a profitable estate.

The last 30 pages will make a strong appeal to African readers, for in them he touches upon a number of points of greater general interest.

He refers, for instance, to the building of cairns by passing African travellers, a habit which has occasioned considerable correspondence in *East Africa* pages. Struck by the custom of casting a stone at the top of every rise, he inquired the reason, and was told that the casting was to relate at the top of the pass was as a way of saying "over the hump."

The balancing of a flock of stock in the forest, a tree, beside a forest path, was explained as intended to prevent the sun from striking before the water had reached its destination. The author's comment is that "as geologists came probably from the placing of a tripod on the ground to indicate the position of even that of a native hunter, and in the shades of the forest a crooked stick."

A caution new to the reviewer is thus mentioned:

"The same sort was removed from the elephant's back, was taken away from the camp into the forest, and the really matter which lies inside the sack was taken out and immediately buried by an old man. If a young man were to do so, they told me, he would never have children."

It would be interesting to know how far it spread that belief-may be in East and Central Africa.

Then there is the record of a rain-goddess whose propitiation of the rain necessary to save the crops was discovered. When a few days later the chiefs discovered that she was no longer a virgin, they were so indignant that they knew the reason for the failure of the rains, and she was deposed with solemnity, when her partner, who was tried, found guilty (the rain-goddess herself testifying against her in her own defence), and burnt alive. Ours, though, rain fell in torrents that very night, convincing the chiefs that their act had appeased the spirit. But news of the crime reached the authorities, and several chiefs were arrested, charged with murder and condemned, though as the whole business had been conducted in conformity with tribal custom, no sentences were pronounced, to imprisonment, and they were soon released.

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## A Tanganyika Official's View.

At a recent meeting of the Acting Chief Secretary, who has assumed the secretariat of the despatch on Closer Union, when he presented the territorial budget at the last meeting of the Tanganyika Legislative Council. The conclusions of the despatch, he said, might be disappointing to some sections of the community, but loyal acceptance of the despatch, in his personal belief, was the only way the issue was resolved. The despatch would Tanganyika's position be.

He said the future of the territory, and the centre of gravity seems to me to be shifting slowly but surely from the north to the south, and the time may well come when Tanganyika will be the axis around which a federated East Africa revolved.

### Blackwater fever Deaths.

Blackwater fever was responsible for the greatest number of European deaths in Nyasaland in 1935, namely 17, or 17.3% of the total. The figure, however, showed a decided improvement over the previous year's figure of 30, or 19.5%.

It calls attention to the serious situation in some of the Universities. Mission to Central Africa, the Treasury state that there is now a deficit of 250 compared with two years ago. Last year they were able to cope with the deficit and renew the grants in the same degree without making further cuts. An appeal is made for further support in order that the Bishops may receive for their diocese at least as much as they received a year ago. The address of the mission is Central Africa House, Wood Street, Westminster, W.C.

### Juvenile Delinquents.

At the Eyan, Southern Rhodesia, the 57 juvenile delinquents in Southern Rhodesia, since the passing of the 1935 Act, are being dealt with in the same way as the 100 juvenile delinquents in the colony. The 57 juvenile delinquents in the colony are being dealt with in the same way as the 100 juvenile delinquents in the colony.

### Another Rhodesian Minister.

The Ministers of Justice and Defence and Internal Affairs in Southern Rhodesia have been separated. Sir Percy Eyan, Minister without Portfolio, has been appointed Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr. V. A. Lewis, formerly Minister of Internal Affairs, has become Minister of Justice and Defence. Sir Percy Eyan will act in the latter position during the absence of Mr. Lewis.

### Lady Noel-Buxton's Candidature.

In publishing her list of defeated candidates at the recent general election, we stated that Lady Noel-Buxton had received only 3,300 in her contest with the Unionist candidate. The figure mentioned, however, should have referred to the majority obtained by the Unionist candidate, the number of votes cast for Lady Noel-Buxton being 14,000.

### Native Girls' Education.

The remarkable increase in the popularity of African girls' schools in Tanganyika was maintained in 1935, and it was necessary to refuse applications for attendance at the Dar es Salaam and Tanga schools. Following the opening of the Mwanza girls' school, where 37 Native Girls had taken place when the annual dividend was issued, some further steps were taken to expand the school. It was decided not to reopen until there was a general demand for it by the Natives of the district. A number of Africans have asked for its reopening, but the Education Department has decided to wait in order to obtain more general interest. It is estimated that there are 100,000 female teachers' training schools, and it is probable that a very large proportion of the girls would marry and that their services would in these cases be lost.

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Umtali (Rhodesia) Gold Mines, Ltd. report to...
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Mineral Output

Mineral output from Northern Rhodesia during November included: Copper, 0.165 tons; lead, 62 tons; zinc, 1,031 tons; manganese ore, 334 tons; tin, 0.33 tons; vanadium, 42,045 lbs.; cobalt, 157,830 lbs.; and gold, 25.07...

Uganda, E.P.L.

The Uganda Government has granted exclusive prospecting licences to Messrs. M. D. ...
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Owing to the Christmas holidays this note had to be pressed in haste as a result of which we are unable to quote the latest share prices. For similar reasons our "African" Correspondent's details have been held over...

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BUSINESS POINTERS

With the view of assisting the development of trade in all parts of East Africa, the East African Chamber of Commerce and Industry has issued a list of firms which are engaged in the textile, leather, and other industries, and to get merchants and others in business to deal with shippers of suitable goods. The list is headed by Messrs. J. B. ...

The name of the Uganda Tobacco Co., Ltd. has been changed to the Colonial Tobacco Co., Ltd.

The total area under cotton in the Sudan has increased from 32,000 feddans in the 1934-35 season to 309,757 in the 1935-36 season.

The Ministry of Commerce in Kenya has been reorganised around two departments being Messrs. J. W. Hart and H. J. ...

The Registrar of Medical Practitioners has issued a pamphlet dealing with the subject of venereal infection and treatment of black and ...

The press in Southern Rhodesia is publishing and distributing an initial annual output of 100,000 copies of newspaper, wrapping paper, writing paper, and paper.

The Executive of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Eastern Africa is asking the Postmaster-General to reduce the wireless licence fees ...

White Nyasaland Native Labourers have been recruited for the diamond mines, each by ...

A partnership between Mr. A. G. ... and Mr. J. ... has been dissolved and the latter will continue to carry on the business in his own name.

Southern Rhodesia has placed its name on the list of Great Britain's most favoured countries for the first nine months of this year. The Colonial imports from the U.K. increased by 30%.

Northern Rhodesia has reduced the duties on the import of motor cars to 25% per unit, in addition to the general tariff, and to reduce the differential and General Sales Tax.

The Portuguese Government has appointed a Commission to study the application of customs tariffs between the Colony of Mozambique and the territory administered by Mozambique Company.

Imports into Nyasaland during October amounted to £4,700, compared with £4,000 in September, and more than £10,000 was imported for the month against £6,000 in ...

The East African Railways, the Colonial and Kenya and Uganda Railways for the first nine months of this year was 284,000 tons, compared with 200,000 tons during the corresponding period of last year. Imports from ... over the same period was 18,500 tons, compared with 18,300 tons.

According to the ... on economic conditions in the Territory, issued by the Department of Overseas Trade, foreign printed cotton goods have ...

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EAST AFRICA IN THE PRESS.

The Bongo in Kenya.

Taming African Elephants.

TAMING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT is the title of an interesting article in Country Life, written by Mr. Art Tremlett, who describes the experiments being carried out in the Belgian Congo. He says—

The Belgians run the farms in typical elephant country, so that the animals feel that they are living in their natural surroundings, and scarcely realise that they are in any way prisoners. The proof of this is that already there have been baby elephants born on the farms, despite the fact that elephants will not breed in captivity.

In most cases the animals are allowed to spend the days of their training in their normal elephantine way. Bathing parties is the first incident in the day, when the whole troop down to the river for their morning dip. The fact that no one is allowed to touch the elephant seems to worry them not at all, and there must be some amusing sights to be witnessed from the bank if one is fortunate enough to be given the opportunity of watching the scene. The natives become veritable circus riders, balancing themselves on any portion of the elephant that may remain out of the water in their efforts to avoid a ducking.

Another clever point in training these elephants is that they are practically allowed to feed themselves. One more accompaniment to their boy, out they saunter into the surrounding bush, and proceed to root up, pull down and browse among the trees in a manner so to the disgust of all elephant, who is accustomed to feeding as he goes, breaking down a branch here and there, or stripping bark of the trees, chewing at monkey rope vines for their juices, and shaking down wild plums, palm nuts, mangoes, etc., according to what fruits can be met with by the way.

Good News for Rifle Shots.

SIR ARNOLD HODSON, who has served so long in different parts of East Africa, particularly as British Consul in South-West Ethiopia, and who is now Governor of the Gold Coast, says in the course of an interesting letter to The Times—

I cannot say how glad I am to notice the suggestion that the dimension of the bullet should be reduced to two minutes of angle, and the length and weight to four and six minutes of angle respectively. If this innovation is adopted by the National Rifle Association it will be welcomed by nearly all competitors from overseas. Rifle shooting has lost a great deal of interest to many keen shots owing to the fact that one shot out of the bull, although it may be a most costly thing, will ruin a competitor's chances. This is wrong and does a great deal of harm to this great and popular sport. It is almost the same as if a competitor in a big golf competition was debased from any chance of success by missing one short putt. If the new markings are adopted, scores of 60 and upwards out of a possible 100 will be difficult to get, and even if one has several holes out of the bull, the chance of winning will still remain.

A Percy Poryman Story.

Further interesting "Tale Tales of Africa" by the late Percy Poryman, Chief Secretary to the Government of Uganda, appear in a recent issue of The Carnhill Magazine.

Of the Bagishu of Mount Elgon he writes: "I believe them to be one of the original Hamitic tribes and the ancestors of many other better-known tribes. They are the only tribe I know which has no tradition of an early migration from elsewhere. They claim, like the ancient Athenians, to be autochthonous and to have originated where they are now, and it is fairly certain that they have been there for at least 300 years, which is a long time in the history of an African tribe."

A good map of Ethiopia has been published by Bartholomew of Edinburgh (cloth, 3s., paper, 2s. 6d.). It shows by colour the motor roads, secondary and caravan routes, with a full contour colouring gives a good idea of the rough, rugged and mountainous nature of the country. The scale of the map is about 65 miles to an inch, and the size 27 inches by 24 inches.

SOME interesting notes on the bongo, together with a delightful photograph of a male captured in the Aberdares, are contributed by Lieutenant Colonel E. Percy Smith to a recent issue of the Journal of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire.

"This beautiful antelope," he writes, "although actually a forest eland, is like a bush buck in its habits—lying in a bush during the day and moving about at night. The slow, staking gait is so much resembles that of the bush buck."

They resemble the eland in that they move about in herds, I myself having actually seen six together—a bull, three cows and two calves. Solitary males, however, are common. It is naturally difficult to estimate their population as they inhabit dense mountain forests and are travellers, but as far as the Aberdares mountains are concerned they are certainly few in number.

As regards their distribution in Kenya the Aberdares mountains appear to be the farthest east that they extend for there is, so far as I know, no record of their having been seen on Mount Kenya. There is, however, plenty of suitable country round the mountain, and there is no reason why they should not be there. I intend to verify this. They also occur in the mountain forests to the westward.

During the rains bongo will emerge from the dense forest to more open country in order to obtain the young grass which is unobtainable in the forests, where they feed on creepers, mosses, and also browse. Although they frequent hardwood forests, they do not appear to care for this diet.

The young are brighter in colour than the old ones, in which the light chestnut turns to dark brown. The dorsal ridge from the wither to the tail is an interesting feature. It is more pronounced in the younger specimens, but in some cases it is absent altogether.

Wise Composting Process.

THE MANUFACTURE OF HUMUS BY THE INDDRE PROCESS was the title of a recent address to the Royal Society of Arts by Sir Albert Howard, whose work in India on composting is now being put to good account in East Africa. His paper, printed in the Soil-cultivator Journal No. 4331, is of much importance to East African agriculturists.

Sir Albert quoted from a letter received from Major Ewart Grosvenor, who wrote: "Your process is spreading rapidly in these parts, and has now become recognised routine practice on most of the well-conducted coffee plantations. The cumulative effect of two years of my plantation is wonderful. I have now established all round my pits a large area of elephant grass for the purpose of providing bulk, and we have made quite a bit of pocket money by selling elephant grass cuttings to the country side. I am now searching for the best indigenous legume to grow in conjunction with the elephant grass, and am getting very hopeful results from various Crotalaria and Leptochloa which have been brought up from the desert areas of Taveta. They get away quickly, and so hold their own against the local weeds."

Major Grosvenor, he explained, was the first East African to try the process, beginning on his Kingator Estate. The pioneer in Tanganyika Territory was Sir Mississ Rees. Mr. J. L. A. Woolche Whitmore has adopted the process on three farms in the Rongai area; and at Hoey's Bridge Mr. J. P. Hill has obtained very good results.

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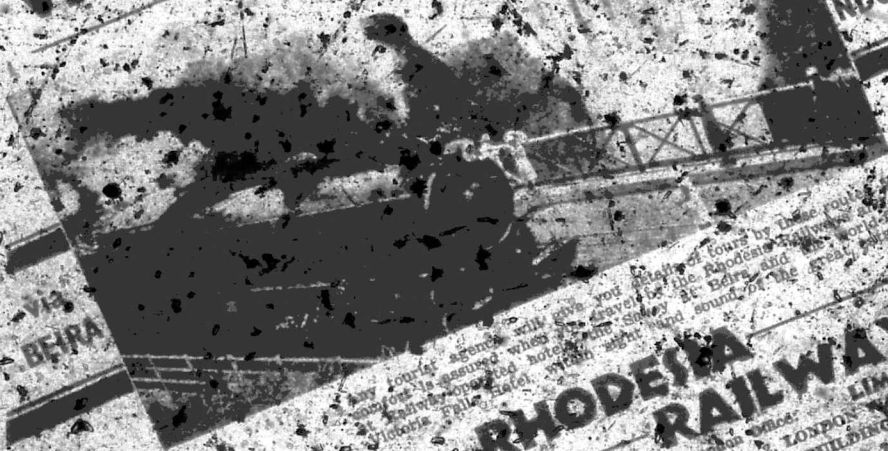
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