

BREEZY NEWS BUDGET FROM OUR AFRICAN PRESS LETTER

Buganda Tribe Making History — Government Owned Mines — Sweat Labor — New Gold Field — A Wounded Lion.

(Daily Mail Correspondent)
NAIROBI, EAST AFRICA
The Buganda Tribe of East Africa is making history.

Its members are intelligent representatives of their race and having adopted the white man's civilization they are now proceeding to adapt it to their own needs.

They have formed a Buganda Commons Association which has for its object the division of the native parliament into an upper and a lower house, the one being the House of Lords and the other the House of Commons, comprising headmen, business men and peasants.

The Buganda Commons Association is very serious in its intentions and already given effect to its aspirations in a petition to the British Government and has sent a copy of the petition to their own king.

The Buganda intelligentsia feel that the only way to security and moderation in legislation is by way of the dual chamber and that the check on the lower house should be by a chamber of hereditary law-makers.

The petition which has been submitted to the British Government concludes with the significant observation: "We hear there are stated to be three countries on the same lines of civilization, namely, England, Japan in Asia and Uganda in Africa".

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Government is a powerful mine-owner.

Its share of the gold-mining profits for last year was no less than £3,917,000 and like any other shareholder it has only to sit with folded arms while the money flows into the treasury. Included in this amount are two spectacular payments which dwarf British receipts of a similar kind.

Crown Lands in Britain only net the Exchequer a matter of £1,220,000 and the Suez Canal investment does not yield much more, yet Government Gold-Mining Areas, in mail week, handed the Commissioner of Inland Revenue a cheque for £2,392,123/4/9.

and its sister mine, the New State Areas passed in one for £1,238,386/17/7.

These tremendous payments are on account of the Government's share of the minerals for the past year, which it lets out on lease. They are undoubtedly the biggest payments made to any gold-mining shareholder in the world and in themselves are a tribute to the extraordinary regularity of the ore deposits of the Witwatersrand. Payments in the past, while was "on the scale but none the less they have been pretty considerable and represented, from the one mine, a ton of gold per month.

In all the Government Areas has paid its grumbling partner no less than £22,243,282 as its share of the booty to date.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICAN

Durban Corporation is being charged with sweating its labourers at the aerodrome. It is said that the Borough Engineer is demanding that the men shovelling sand on reclamation work should handle 37 tons each in a seven and a half hours working day.

A year ago the men were only required to load 26 cocopans a day, each cocopan holding two-thirds of a cubic yard or just under a ton, and it was then decided to offer an inducement of an extra two shillings a day for 36 cocopans a day. The new terms were eagerly jumped at but when the authorities found that the men could load 36 cocopans a day they cancelled the piece work and reverted to the old rate of eight shillings a day for 36 cocopans.

Now the men are told they must load 40 pans a day. In defence of the Corporation it is claimed that in America men are expected to load 48 pans a day and therefore 40 is not excessive. The men claim that as it has been laid down that one-third of the day should be spent in rest periods, especially as the Natal climate is enervating, 32 cocopans should be the maximum task set them.

The Mayor is a keen golfer and supports the Borough Engineer but the

men suggest that he tries a round of cocopans in place of a round of golf to assist his judgment.

VEREENIGING, SOUTH AFRICA

A big industry is likely to be established shortly at Vereeniging. The Columbus MacKinnon Chain Company of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, has concluded arrangements for the erection of a works on the Vaal River where it will get its raw material from an associate company of the the Government Iron and Steel Works at Pretoria.

Motor car chains will be one of the chief products of the new enterprise and from the outset it is expected that the chain company will absorb one thousand tons of material annually.

The Columbus MacKinnon Company has not asked for protection for its products and as it has supplied South African requirements in the past it does not anticipate any difficulty in meeting its needs from the Vaal River plant.

Engineers consider this is one of the most important subsidiary industries founded since the opening of the Pretoria Steel works.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

"We are witnessing the opening up of what is practically a new goldfield, which, in itself, may be larger than any other field in the world outside the main Witwatersrand gold-field" declared Sir Robert Kotze, late State Mining Engineer, to members of the South African Parliament in mail week.

This statement had reference to a discovery on a farm called Libanon, situated many miles west of Randfontein, and forming one of a large group of farms which the New Consolidated Gold-fields have been exploring by means of boreholes. The gold bearing rock was encountered at a depth of over three thousand feet and on examination gave good values.

What is known as the Far West Rand has attracted a great deal of attention for many years, but the work carried out has never yielded practical results until the present time.

The Libanon is the second of the series, Venterspost being the first. The latter farm has been flated into a mine with a nominal capital of £2,000,000 and the work of shaft sinking is proceeding rapidly.

This field extends over many miles as far as Klerksdorp where the drills have encountered the Witwatersrand series on a property belonging to another mining group. This strike is fifty or sixty miles from Randfontein or about one hundred miles from Johannesburg.

BULAWAYO, RHODESIA

A wounded lion in Southern Rhodesia has just given a remarkable demonstration of extraordinary powers of memory which makes the King of Beasts an unsuspected rival of the elephant. Hunters never tire of telling the tale of how the elephant will remember for years the person who may have injured him and one day, if the chance comes, he will take a swift and merciless revenge.

Now a lion has shown the same disposition. Recently Mr. Gerald Tenison, of Monaghan, Ireland, a relative of Kingston, was hunting in Ngamiland when he shot a lion through the foot. The beast limped away and despite serious warning by an experienced hunter, Mr. Tenison insisted in trailing the spoor for twelve miles through long grass, to put the animal "out of its misery".

A companion, Mr. James Riley, led the way and a bushman brought up the rear, Mr. Tenison being in the middle. Suddenly the wounded lion sprang out of the grass on top of Mr. Tenison, ignoring the presence of the other two men. The victim had no time to defend himself, but thrust his rifle at the beast as it jumped and the lion bit the barrel in two and pawed Mr. Tenison. Riley fired and killed the animal as it stood over his friend.

Mr. Tenison, who is recovering from the mauling, is a wiser hunter today.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

The city authorities of Johannesburg are putting up a bold fight to protect over 200,000 Europeans from the dread bubonic plague, which is seriously threatening the town. Already a poison belt, three miles deep, has

been spread round the boundaries, East, West and South.

Infected rodents have penetrated over the Vaal River into the Transvaal and several cases of plague, three fatal, have occurred on farms close to the industrial town of Vereeniging where the peace treaty of the Boer War was signed. This is within forty miles of Johannesburg.

Doctors have been in conference to evolve methods of attacking the plague should it reach Johannesburg. The city itself is rat-ridden and this has been made evident in recent months during the demolition of old buildings to make way for skyscraper blocks of flats. Thousands of rats migrate in the night from the old to new buildings and medical men are fearful of the consequences should a solitary infected rat from the Orange Free State penetrate into the City.

Day and night rodent inspectors, with large gangs of natives, are putting out the poison defences against rats, the present epidemic being the most alarming in recent years. The last one carried off thousands of people and since Christmas about fifty deaths among Europeans, and natives have occurred in the Cape of Good Hope, The Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

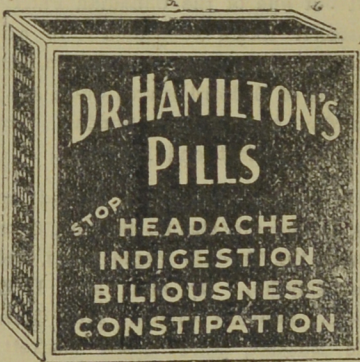
Englishmen in South Africa are watching with more than ordinary interest the duel which is taking place between Colonel Stallard, leader of the new Dominion Party, and the Prime Minister, General Hertzog, on the question of the status of British subjects in the Union.

In Parliament and through letters the matter has so far been confined to academic and legal discussion and both sides have avoided expression in the one thought which is paramount in the minds of Englishmen—that is the virtual closing of the door of all Government positions to Englishmen, on the excuse that they cannot speak the two languages of the Union. Those Englishmen who still hold positions are being gradually eliminated and when posts become vacant they are immediately filled by South Africans whose names invariably indicate Dutch origin.

This is the position today in the Railway Service, the Police, the Post Office and the Civil Service generally.

As a result of this tendency to eliminate the Englishman there has come into existence an organization known as the New Guard, on similar lines to that existing in Australia and the Dominion Party is the political sequel to the feeling of uneasiness as to the future of British born people in South Africa.

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