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## KROBO CUSTOMS.

A. H. H. J. BELL'S Report on KROBO Country.

KOTOKLO. Human sacrifices sine qua non.

B. Do. do.

OTUFU (or DIPO) "the most harmless" and "possibly has some good points".

C. do. do.

NADU and KOKONADU "believed to be attended "by many barbarous and illegal acts".

D. Mr. Supervisor H.H.J. BELL'S Report.

Report by D.C., Volta River Dsitrict. (J.ALEX.WILLIAMS)

4-10-1890. KOTOKLO, NADU & KOKONADU all involve human sacrifice

Fetish will not permit celebration of these customs

unless young men have killed men and produce skull &c.

OTUFU (or DIPO) - no killing, but suspected that girls

found pregnant before they go through custom are sold.

28-11-1884. Petition from SACKITEY, King of Eastern Krobo and others for suppression of KOKONADU -"a maradding fetish".

1-9-1890. Letter from CHRISTIAN AKUTEI AZZU. Objection to
OTUFU (or DIPO) -"As for DIPO Custom they did not
"sacrifice human beings. But if a woman does not obey
"the law of DIPO custom before she is with child she
"may be sold the man too and the woman from the
"Krobo land are not allowed to go to Krobo mountain
"and their parents have to pay a large sum of money
"to the Fetish priest. Therefore men and women kill
"themselves on account of this DIPO custom and
"Fetish."

H. Conf. Letter No.5 of 2-3-1892 from J.A.WILLIAMS, D.C.

"In Krobo there are three different fetishes for

"the celebration of which the offering of human

"sacrifice is a sine qua non, viz. the Nadu,

"Kotoklo and Kokonadu."

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"Otufu or Dipo is one and the same thing,

"which is generally known as the Virginal or Tail
"girl custom and is also harmless save the clandes
"time transportation of the girl from her native

"home in the event of her being found in state of

"pregnancy prior to passing the Custom.

"With regard to Nadu, Kotoklo and Kokonadu
"Fetishes I am of the opinion that they should be
"abolished and their practice rendered penal in the
"District".

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"The Dipo or Otufu Custom I think should be

"allowed to remain, as it is harmless and supposed

"to be celebrated without any murderous act, and

"furthermore it is a kind of restriction on the

"girls until they arrive at marriageable age, and

"is also a brisk trading season for the merchants

"and traders in this place, and can be celebrated

"on the plain, as is the case at Prampram in the

"event of the hill being closed up."

- I. MINUTE by Governor Sir W. B. GRIFFITH dated 4-8-92.

  "My impression is that unless these Krobo customs are

  "dealt with root and branch, they will not be destroyed

  "out of the land, a matter which it is my settled

  "determination to effect to the fullest extent."
- Aug:1892. Action taken by King MATE KOLE in destroying the fetish KOKONADU in Eastern Krobo.
- K.
  17-10-1892. Letter from AKROBETO, King of Western Krobo.

  NADU War fetish of Eastern Krobo.

  KOTOKLO. War fetish of Western Krobo.

  KOKONADU recently brought down from

  Osudoku and its occupation is : not

to buy, but to steal and to commit murder.

L. 23-3-1893. Letter from D.C., Volta River District (J. A. WILLIAMS) re the refund of an extortion by DIPO Fetish Priest OKUMO.

"Doku Saba informs me that the influence

"brought to bear upon him to pay this amount

"to Okumo at the time was his manace, as Dipo

"Fetish Priest to seize any of his relatives

"as satisfaction for the claim."

(Bearing: Undue power and influence of Fetish Priests.)



## Provincial Commissioner's Office,

## EASTERN PROVINCE.

No. 1001/250/1910.

In case of reply the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

Roforidua,
7th september, 1921.

I have the honour to transmit, herewith, a copy of Petition from the Konor of Manya Krobo, together with one from his Chiefs, and a long letter from the District Commissioner, Akuse, requesting that they may be permitted to re-introduce in a modified form their ancient custom known as NADU which is prohibited vide Chapter 83 section of the Supreme Court Ordinance.

- I discussed the matter with Colonel Harding, prior to his departure, and he informed me that he was of the opinion that if permitted with certain modifications, he saw no reason why the Petitioners' wish should not be granted.
- I interviewed the Konor on the subject and he informed me that the Custom would only take place in Oduma once a year, and this only for 3 days, and that he was positive it would benefit the Krobo Country, as represente tives from all his villages would meet together, renew acquaintance which at present they do not, thus forming closer co-operation throughout their country.

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THE HONOURABLE,

THE SECRETARY FOR NATIVE APPAIRS.

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District Commissioner's Office,

Volta River District,

Akuse

3rd May, 1937.

#### DIPO CUSTOM.

With reference to your letter No.773/114/1906 dated the 8th March, 1937, I have to inform you that, ever since I have been stationed in this district, I have received reports that the prohibited Dipo Custom is celebrated in the Krobo States.

At the beginning of March I heard that a date had been fixed for the initiation of the girls into the I visited the village Asite near Odumase and fetish. met some elderly women dancing to the music of bead rattles. They told me that the girls had already gone to the rock where the ceremonies were performed and would shortly be returning. At 6.15 P.M. a gun was fired - this signified the conclusion of the celebrationsand about ten minutes afterwards the procession appeared. Each girl - there were about twelve girls whose ages ranged from eight to sixteen years - was carried on the shoulders of a youngman who moved at a fast walking pace. Each girl was naked except for a long white loin -cloth. She appeared to have a piece of goat's stomach on her head (they all took particular care that this should not fall off. It represents, I believe, fertility); a long string of entrails worn like a necklace and a leaf between her lips to prevent her from talking. They seemed to me

THE HONOURABLE,
THE COMMISSIONER,
EASTERN PROVINCE,
KOFORIDUA.

to be either drugged or scared.

- them and these persons, I believe, had not been present at the ceremony. It is not known what takes place at the rock, but I am informed that each girl is required to climb the rock, a feat which is said to be easy. The procession was met by the elderly women and amid much shouting and jubilation the girls were borne to different compounds where there was great rejoicing.
- 4. I investigated the case, the particulars of which formed an enclosure to your letter. It is true that six youngmen were convicted in the tribunal of the Manche of Okper on a charge of seducing the girl Boboyo who had not been initiated. Each man was fined £4, and the tribunal further ordered that part of the fine should be paid to the girl's father to enable him to pay the expenses of the girl's apprenticeship. I should mention that after the ceremony at the rock the girls undergo a period of training, the /length of which depends on the size of the purse, in house-keeping and mother craft.
- 5. I interviewed the Manche, quashed the convictions no criminal offence had been committed— and asked the Police to make enquiries about the girl. I am still awaiting their report.
- 6. I believe that in its origin the Dipo Custom was introduced for the protection of girls until they reached a marriageable age. If a girl should become pregnant before she had been initiated, she was banished from the State and the man concerned was sold into slavery. The custom came into existence for a praiseworthy purpose but upon its assumption of several objectionable features was prohibited by the Native Customs Ordinance.

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- 7. I have been informed that the custom was resuscitated about three years ago at the request of the women in the State. Although the youngmen are punished by a fine for seducing girls before they have been initiated there is no doubt that the girls themselves, if they become pregnant, are banished. It is said that men come from the Akim States, Akwapim and elsewhere in order to buy these girls.
- 8. A second objectionable feature to-day is the fact that parents, in order to rid themselves of responsibility for their daughter's moral welfare especiably poor persons send their girls for initiation at an early age. Once the girls have been initiated and have undergone their training, they are free to select a husband or a lover If they choose a lover, no penalty is imposed, as in Akan States, upon the man who has intercourse with them before they are given in marriage. The danger which attends this freedom from liability is the undoubted promiscuity which prevails especially in the case of young girls.
- 9. I have spoken to the Manya Krobo and Yilo Krobo State Councils on this subject. At the former meeting the "priests" of the Dipo Custom were present. I gave warning that the present practices must cease and declared that, if evidence was produced of a continuance of the custom, immediate action would be taken against the "priests. The Konor of Manya Krobo strongly supported me and has ordered a gong-gong to be beaten twice a week calling upon the people to desist from the present unlawful practices.
- 10. I will make every endeavour to see that the re-introduction of this custom is short-lived.

(Sgd) E.Norton Jones DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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## NOTORIOUS "DIPO" CUSTOM ASSUMES MILIGRANT NATURE

OBAWALE.— After series of publication on the Dipo Custom and its ill-effects of the expatilation of young maidens from their homes for life, which appeared in the G ld Ceast Press sometime in the last two years, further eccurrence has been intimated.

During last month, a young girl who has not gone under the Dipo Custom and living at O ba wale & Pleyo in the Yilo Krobo District, has been in state of pregnancy and about eighteen young men are implicated.

### They Were Fined £4

The mater was reported to Manche Agar Kuma Divisional Chief of Okper and in consequence of that, those youngmen were arrested, charged, and sentenced to a fine of about four pounds (£4) each and it was ordered that the young girl should be ostracised.

It is further reported that an offer of £30 was made by certain people to take the girl but the parents refused the offer on the grounds that the offer was not high.

Finally, a man from Suhum Marmeng came and is alleged to have offered £50, last Wednesday, the 10th instant.

#### Stop Her Expatriation

Presently, the girl is said to be under observation, pending the arrival of the highest Dipo fetish Priest to perform the necessary ceremony pertaining to her banishment from the district.

That this is a form of slavery is the view of some observers who appeal to the Authorities to prevent this constructive custom from degenerating into abuse.

The Authorities should make the necessary investigation about this unfortunate girl to stop her expatriation before it is late. (12A) (HSA)

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## THE "DIPO" CUSTOM

A Native custom which is likely to wreck the social abric of the Yilo Krobo State beside imposing unnecessary hardship upon its members, consists in the tendency to expatriate young maidens for life or to sell them as slaves on a pretext which is regarded by the educated community as unjustifiable when compared with the penalties prescribed.

As culture advances so must Native customs be adjusted in conformity with the ordinary dictates of decency and commonsense. Destructive Native customs should not, under any circumstances, be encouraged. We do not of course condemn Native customs as a whole. On the contrary we maintain that some Native customs are agreeable with reason and are therefore worthy of encouragement.

Many such customs are compatible with the requirements of advanced society and are therefore permissible, but unfortunately some customs are grossly abused; their adherents attach to them insensate ceremonials often involving inhuman observances so much so that they assume an odious aspect to the man or woman of refined tastes. Such customs should be discountenanced if the Gold Coast must present anything like a favourable comparison with other civilised nations.

When it is realised that in many instances the supporters of a given Native custom take advantage of the absence of deterrent factors to apply penalties involving hardships in various shapes upon persons who are regarded as having ignored or contravened its tenets, when the fact is recalled that in many instances adherents of a given custom abuse that custom to such an extent as to apply it as a means of extortion from innocent persons, the necessity for inflexible measures to prevent such gross abuses becomes at once apparent.

The Dipo custom is in full swing at the moment at Obawale, a town in the Yilo Krobo district, and a young girl is unhappily about to undergo the supreme penalty alleged to have been prescribed by that custom. We do not quarrel with the custom itself as a means of regulating the moral constitution of the State but we affirm that its adherents are subjecting it to gross abuse.

In our issue of February 20, we published an appeal from the educated community of that State which reads as follows: "The Authorities should make the necessary investigations about this unfortunate girl to stop her expatriation before it is late." This appeal we fully endorse.

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Case No: 2/ YILO KROBO STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SRA, Yilo Krobo,

JUNE,

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Sir,

I am directed by the State Council of Yilo Krobo to forward to you a copy of a letter addressed to the Editor of the African Morning Post which speaks of itself; and that I am further charged to inform you that any further deliberations in the matter shall be forwarded to you accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

SECRETARY YILO KROBO STATE COUNCIL.

THE HONOURABLE, NATIVE AFFAIRS, VICTORIABORG, ACCRA.

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Case No: 2/ST/1935.

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THE YILO KROBO STATE COUNCIL,

HELD AT SRA, PENIASE,

7th. JUNE, 1935.

Sir,

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## ALLEGED SLAVE TRADE IN YILO KROBO.

It has been brought to the notice of the Yilo Krobo
State Council of the publications appearing in your "Morning
Post" reference to the above subject, in which it was reported
and published that Yilo Krobo is dealing in slave-trade, and
aspublications are accepted and published upon their being
fully authenticated, the Council will deem it a great obligation on your part to have the full name and address of the
person who forwarded the article for publication at your
very elarliest convenience.

The Council urges with due deference that your serious attention be drawn to this at an early date.

We are,

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SGD. NUER OLOGO V

KONOR, YILO KROBO &

PRESIDENT, YILO KROBO STATE

COUNCIL.

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THE EDITOR,
THE AFRICAN MORNING POST,
A C C R A,

Witness to marks & signatures
SGD. H.K.N.DABRAH
State Council Clerk.

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SRA.

KONOR, YILO KROBO, SEURETARY,

KROBO, (YILO)

Cast No: 1/57/1935.
SRA SOMANYA,

14th. MAY, 19 35.

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Sir,

## ALLEGED SLAVE-TRADE IN YILO KROBO.

? April

With reference to our conversation on the 1st. of March, 1935 on the above subject, I have the honour to explain, as a full report on the Vilo Krobo Native Custom which was misinterpreted by the writer of the article which appeared in the "Morning Post".

- 1. That from time immemorial, there was a certain Custom that when a woman who at her age of puberty is pregnated whilst the custom has not been performed on her, the interpretation is, that she is polluted and that certain ceremonies are performed for her, for sanctification and purification of the house to which she belongs and them to be exiled, but since from 1892 this procedure was abated and customary ceremonies are substituted therefor.
- 2. That as far as the customary ceremonies are concerned, any person who wishes to marry any such girl pays all "Marriage" expenses according to what he can afford to do financially to the parents, but not in a way of slave-trade.
- 3. That the custom in itself is not so expensive to enhance upon the families not being able to perform in order to have any other thought of performance, but it is a custom where Native customery rites are made only with slaughtering of goats.
- 4. That the performance of the ceremonies does not lie on the parents alone, but upon the whole relatives

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MA for information - W. C. I @ please B.

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2nd Laren, 1931

## Dipo Custom.

notice the accompanying copies of extracts from The AFRICAN MORNING POST and to request that you cause enquiries to be made into the facts of the case reported from Obanalus.

Konor of Yilo krobo his excellency's concern at the amount of the fees alleged to have been paid in this instance, if on enquiry they prove to have been as high as is alleged, at the same time informing him that his excellency deprecates the potential evils inherent in the Custom, in so far as its involves both opportunity and temptation for parents to make money out of misconduct by their daughters.

(Sgd) G. N. N. Weinn for ALTING COLONIAL SELECTIONS.

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The Commissioner, mastern Province,

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20 April, 1937.

## Dipo Custom.

lam directed by the Governor to refer to my letter No.96/37/17 of the 2nd March, 1937, and to ask when your report concerning the case reported from Obawale may be expected.

(Ad) G. N. N. Neum L COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Honourable

The Commissioner, Eastern Province, Kororidua.

East Province.

In case of reply the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

Provincial Commissioner's Office. Koforidua.

DIPO CUSTOM.

(19A)

With reference to your letter No.96/37/17 dated 2nd March, 1937 I have the honour to forward, herewith for your information a copy of a report received from the District Commissioner Akuse regarding the revival of the Dipo custom amongst the Krobo community.

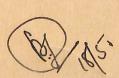
With regard to the case referred to in the African Morning Post the District Commissioner reports that the convictions have been quashed but no report has yet been received with regard to the girl concerned.

COMMISSIONER EASTERN PROVINCE.

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THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS, VICTORIABORG, ACCRA.

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lo. v.f. (14) r(16). Blease see (19a), which gives an intensting account of the Tackature Certurouics. ci Krobo.

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J. I submit that it is the same "mare's nest" as was "discovered" nearly 2 years ago but that, in view of the opportunities inherent in the Custom for the parents to make big money out of misconduct by their daughters, the C.E.P. should be asked to look into the matter and express to the konor H.E's concern at the amount of the fees (if on inquiry they prove to be as high as is alleged), at the same time deprecating the potential evils inherent in the Custom.

For S. N. A.
25.2.31.

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To b. E.P. No. 6/37 Piz 2. 3. 3m/ 9

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H. A. G.,

You may wish to see (1) - (8).

(Intd) G.C.du B.

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H. C.S.,

Seen - thank you

(Intd) J.C.H.

ecretary, Yilo Krobo State Council, to S.N.A.,

Secretary, Yilo Krobo State Council, to S.N.A., 11.0.35 P.A.

(Intd)J.G.dG.J.12.VI.

(12)

Governor to U. S. - 24. 2. 37

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To S. N. A. for report. I think there is previous correspondence on this subject.

(Intd) G.C.du B.

24.2.31

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Hon. G.S.,

Re (12A) please see (2), (5), (6), (7) herein.

2. I attach at (14a) an extract from the "African Morning Post" dated the 20th February, 1931, to which reference is made at "A" of (12A). From this extract it would appear that this new example of the Custom is on all fours with the normal procedure as described in (2) and (5), except that the fees are considerably higher than the £10 or £15 mentioned in (2).

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Nene Nuer Ologo V to S. N. A., 14. 5. 1935

(Intd) G.B.N.D.
2. Sumitted w.r.t. para.4 of (2). 21/5/35
(Intd) J.C.de G.J.

(Inta) J.C. de G.J.

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U.S.,

Please see (5), which is the explanation of the Konor of Yilo Krobo w.r.t. the article on slave trading.Correspondence on this subject commenced with H.E's (1). The writer to the "Morning Post" who apparently felt the urge to commit his thoughts to paper has been guilty of some loose thinking. Many marriage customs may be slavish, but that is about as far as they go.

(Intd) H.T.

S. N. A.

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(1)

Y. Ho,

- (5) is the further report awaited from the Konor of Yilo Krobo vide para.4 of (2).
- 2. It is somewhat difficult to understand but appears to bear out the concensus of official opinion that the Press got hold of a mare's nest when publishing their "Slavery articles" in connection with the relics of the Dipo system.

(Sgd) Geo. E. London

11.6.35

(8)

Hon. C.S.,

T.Y. (Inta) A.H.

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(1)

Extracted from Conf. File No.497/30

Governor to C.S. - Conf. 23. 3. 1935.

(Intd) G.B.N.D. 26/3/35

(2)

Hon. C.S.,

The articles in the MORNING POST of 23rd and 25th March, 1935, entitled "Slavery in Yilo Krobo", refer to a harmless form of one of the Krobo customs known as Oturo or Dipo, the celebration of which in its fullest sense was prohibited in 1892 by section 4 of the Native Customs Ordinance (Cap. 112).

- 2. The Dipo custom is still performed in both krobos. The Konor of Manya Krobo, who may be regarded as the first Christian to become a paramount chief (he was a Basel Mission Catechist before his election in 1892), has always advocated for the custom to be officially recognised. The Dipo or Oturo customs are performed by the marriageable girls of these tribes and similar practices are observed by other tribes of the Gold Coast, such as Adangbe and Fanti. The Konor of Manya Krobo and others hold that the simple rites in connection with these customs cannot be suppressed or there would be a complete dislocation of the Krobo marriage laws. The main grounds are both moral and religious. Prior to 1892 if a Krobo girl was found enceinte before she had passed through the Dipo custom, her parents incurred heavy penalties and the girl herself was driven away from Krobo and never allowed to return. The neighbouring states, like Akwapim, benefitted, for she could remain there without my molestation.
- 3. Since 1892 it appears that a girl found in such a condition has to name the man responsible who undertakes to pay

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the expenses for certain ceremonies which the priests insist should be performed in order to avert evil from the family. It is believed that unless such ceremonies of purification be performed several deaths will occur in the family or quarters or division. The ceremonies include the killing of many sheep and goats and cost from £10 to £20. If the man is unable to pay, the parents must pay, and if poor they are obliged to raise a loan. The girl is then given in marriage to some man of her own choice, or as it often happens to one who can pay the expenses involved. Marriage in Krobo costs about £15, but in the case of a girl found to have gone astray before going through the Dipo custom, it costs a little more. The penalty is paid to the priests and the Konor has no voice or share in the matter.

4. The Konor of Yilo Krobo strongly repudiates the idea of slavery. He has however promised to enquire more fully into the allegations in the articles and report early to this office.

(Inta) H.T.

S. N. A.

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Yotio,

Please see (2) w.r.t. Y.E's (1).

2. We must await the further report referred to in para.4 of (2).

(Intd) G.C. du B.

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(4)

Hon. C.S.,

T. Y.

(Intd) A.H.

20 Conf. 497/30 Crfser 1) No. 2. 96/37 G.O. Form No. 1. FROM THE GOVERNOR. To Han C.S. In G-lays Officer morning Post the is an alice " Yila /dustro State state deals i Slave- Truce". De is to be continued. wen compete place sail up 5 me nice Hu S. N. A's remals. I will sail tem on dami- fficiely to me. Fiddian or the C.O. are sure to comment on it. 23 35 / AM. The Morning Noch gr March 23. happy war a facility of the state ?

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relatives, so that it is difficult to tamper with anything like slave-trade, as on the whole, the performance is what is explained in paragraph above.

of the article

- 5. That the writer thinks that the paying of the marriage expenses to the perents in these instances, amounts to slave-trade, whilst he has forgotten to state how low the expenses are made, and could not in any way affect slave-trade.
- 6. That as far as State prejudice is concerned when people of other States are married to women from Yilo .
  Krobo, youngmen of this state usually prejudiced the position in instances of this nature, and with such intention, the writer fabricates his opinion to be a slave-trade by wrong-fully mentioning high amounts that he alleges are involved in the ceremony.
- 7. That women or girls who are termed polluted are not only married outside the State as in paragraph above but are also married in the State as well; the custom only sanctifies them for safe delivery also, as it is customary.
- 8. That the State cannot under any circumstances whatever deal in any slave-trade, for it is fairly against our Constitutional rights.
- 9. I am obliged to inform you that the State Council of Yilo Krobo is drastically taken up the matter in its next State Council Meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Loyal and obedient Servant

KONOR, VILO KROBO.

I hope his friends will be kind enoug to advise him to put a stop to his activities in this connection.

> CARS FOR HIRE. Town-ride or Travelling. Charges very moderate.

### DORBERTS MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Horse Road, Accra.

### LORRY JARS INTO ANOTHER AT ACCRA-NSAWAM RUAD

A serious motor accident is reported to have occurred on the Nsawam-Accra Road on Friday afternoon, between two lorries Nos. A.A 1996 and C.P. 2253. The driver of the latter lorry who was responsible for the accident was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

It was alleged that the lorry C.P. 2253 driven by John Acquah was travelling to Accra from Nsawam when it struck the right front mudguard of lorry A.A. 1996 which was standing on the road side, the driver of the latter lorry being Laryea.

#### Objects to Hospitalisation

serious damage was done to the mudguard and the gearbox, also, a woman named Kwale Shadow was wounded and conveyed to the founder of the church, pre-Dr Nanka-Bruce's Hospital.

woman, Mr Glover it is reported, lowing to the zeal and love for objected to his daughter being the church, he gave up clerical taken to the Gold Coast Hospital.

John Acquah was arrested and charged with reckless driving as stated.

the Apramou vio. I brass banku accompanying.

The procession then proceeded to the railway station at 12.30 to meet the Superintendent Minister and members of the Wassaw Circuit.

Retracing their steps from the station to the town, the procession increased to four deep. Arat the request of the Minister who gave a short address after which ne dismissed them, and asked them to re-assemble at 4 p.m.

At the appointed time the members re-assembled inspite of the downpour of rain. After the evening function, and at 6.30 p.m. they re-assembled at the Church-room for divine service. The service was conducted by the Superintendent Minister S Q. Ghartey, Esq., who delivered an inspiring sermon,

Mr John Kofie, the head leader of the Aboso Methodist society, was asked to address the gathering and he did so by giving a

Midam Ewura Ekua, at the "Old" the least number of agents. Aboso.

The father of the wounded in the capacity of chief clerk, but work and threw his lot within.

was grand and deserves special mention.

space to write the following.

and School is questionable. Anybody who takes interest in riving at the park, they halted school cannot pass by without moving one of these five teachers. putting this question, "Does the Synod Committee want the local s hool to progress or retrogress?"

In 1934, when retrenchment was looked upon as the immediate, safest and effective means of curing the sickly church, two te chers of Bompata parentage were retrenched. In September, the same year, while all schools were supposed to be filled, the school was threatened with the cutting out of the 4th standard.

#### Bond Money

But, notwithstanding the injusttice suff red by the town, a very educational and religious activities. huge sum of money to the value of originated in the form of a sing- This sum was the highest so As a result of the accident Godwyl, with the assistance of all, Bompata is the district having

> This sum was almost paid if This gentleman, Mr Godwyl not at all, but waile we were able to pay our share for the payment vicusly worked at the Aboso Mine of teachers and catechists, we still Committee.

Had it been any other town in a they derive no benefit.

For the interest of those who district from which any of the take keen interest in educational members of the committee comes and religious matters, I beg for a from the situation would have been remedied. While some schools. The present situation of the having the same number on roll Bompata Presbyterian Church as Bompata, had 7 teachers, when Bompata school had only 5, with unceasing threatenings with re-

#### Synod Committee Attitude

If conditions will still remain, I would suggest to the committee to make amendment in distributing the assessments. It will be wise then, and justifiable to share it inproportion with the number of agents employed and not the number of communicants in each district.

This hostile attitude of the Synod Committee towards the town and district, should be discontinued if the Committee has in view the welfare of the

A teacher may therefore be Loco was imposed on the ill-treat- appointed to support the work to brief history of the Aboso church. ed members as their bond, part ease the work crowded upon the It was alleged that the church to be paid to the Central Fund, few teachers who would eventually be blamed by the Educational ing band composed mostly of far as my knowledge of Ashanti Authorities and the Synod children, organized by one Mr districts is concerned; but above Committee for a fault originated by the partial attitude of the committee.

If the few teachers are doing remarkably good work toward the progress of Gold Coast Education. why should the Synod Committee. suffer injustice from the Synod as the governing head of the Presbyterian Schools, not help? Mr J. Amoa, teacher for class I I hope things would be amended. last year, has gone to the college otherwise, the poor members will On the whole, the occasion at Akropong to take his theologi- no more contribute their shares to cal course. His place is vacant. the Central Fund from which

ropean Powers arming to the teeth desides a disarmed Germany is questionable, and the legality of Germany re-arming in the face of a treaty stipulation is also questionable. But, as we know, diplomacy disregards ethics and law, where force is apotheosized. Judging from the pronouncements of British statesmen, another 1914 fiasco is imminent, despite the trip of Sir emissaries have gone to Germany and ence on the first of April, (vide our John Simon and Captain Anthony Eden to Berlin last weekend. And we are more interested in how another European war will affect the destiny of Africa.

## LOCOMOTIVE DRIVERS

LL sections of the community will welcome the news that Government has decided that in future all engine drivers in the Gold Coast will be natives of West Africa.

There is nothing so gratifying as the policy that is now to be adopted, and West Africans can look forward to the future

with hopes so far as this profession is concerned.

We trust that the General Manager will give wider scopes for training, with a view to recruitment ultimately into the permanent establishment of the department, Africans who

so qualify.

According to Sir Arnold: "All engine drivers in this Colony in future will be natives of West Africa and it has given me much pleasure to accede to the General Manager's request for an increase in the number of pensionable posts in this rank."

There is nothing so encouraging in recent years; and as we have said before, we reiteriate that Sir Arnold has carved a niche for himself in the annals of Gold Coast history. This is, so far as our knowledge goes, a decisive step in the right direction.

We are looking forward to the day when West Africans strictly to observe the military, naval, would hold all the important posts in the Civil and Administrative Departments of this Government, especially in the

ludiciary. The time is not far distant also when realisation will dawn upon the youths of the country that all of us cannot be whitecollar workers but that there is dignity in every sphere of

labour.

In this respect, we must say at once that we do not agree in any quota system as a means to higher education, nor do we share the view that educational system "must be reduced and i onsuam might have been worse or better than the Treaty of Versailles.

However, let us consider the part of the Treaty of Versailles which is responsection is so important that two British Military Air Force will come into existthe outcome of their visit will have an issue of March 15, page 1, column 2). important bearing on the future political history of Europe. It is admitted that it had not been possible to crystallise an Section III, Article 198 which stipulat-Anglo-German entente or an alliance of a military nature, but Great Britain has must not include any military or naval discarded its policy of isolation, and diplomacy is a very intriguing game

lised by various Committees of the Paris Peace Conference. Controversial the same in the House of Commons. questions were discussed and settled by al of the Plenary Conference was per- that since other nations were arming, functory. On May 7, 1919, this treaty was presented to the German delegation at Versailles. There were criticisms from the Chinese delegates with reference to Shantung. General Ian Christian Smuts also criticised sections of the Treaty. Exchange of ratifications took place on January 12, 1920, and this pact became effective as from that date.

Part V of the Treaty was devoted to the Military, Naval, and Air clauses. The preamble of this part reads: "In order to render possible the initiation of a general limitation of the armaments of all nations, Germany undertakes and air clauses which follow."

In Section I, Military Clauses, Chapter I, Effective and Cadres of the Ger- charged Germany with violation man Army, Article 160 limited the international law "by a unilateral de-German Army not to exceed "one hun-nunciation" of an international treaty. dred thousand men, including officers and establishments of depots. Army shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of order within the territory and to the control of the fronti-

the German Army not to comprise more than seven divisions of infantry and three divisions of cavalry."

The Foreign Air Attachés in Berlin sible for the ruse in Europe today. This were informed lately that the German

> This is also a violation of Part V, ed that "The armed forces of Germany air forces."

The momentous decision of Germany has made it a sort of a stormy petrel in The Treaty of Versailles was formu- contemporary international politics and diplomacy. Great Britain has discussed Sir John Simon, the British Foreign the Supreme Council whilst the approv- Minister, was apprehensive but thought it might be better to conciliate Germany.

> France, on the other hand, despite its traditional point of view with reference to Germany's position in European diplomacy, has invoked paragraph 2 of Article XI of the League of Nations Covenant (i.e. Part I of the Treaty of Versailles) which reads: "It is also declared to be the friendly right of each Member of the League to bring to the attention of the Assembly or of the Council any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

In its Note to the League, France

To be fair to Germany it is too evident that it cannot remain un-armed in Europe which is literally, an armed camp. On the other hand, Hitler's policy seems to be a continuation of "the scran of nanon! doction P TY

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## RECEIVING LOAN OF £2. REFUSING RESPONSIBILITY AGAINT GERMAN SCHEME GERMAN GOVTS ATTITUDE

before Nee Kojo Ababio IV, his councillors and elders, Otoo Ankrah instituted civil action against R. A. Barnor, clerk for Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for failing to give receipt on a loan of £2 given him, as repeated requests to do so by him have proved futile. Hearing was adjouned till Monday.

In defending himself Mr Barnor said that he did not remember receiving an amount of £2 from the plaintiff, neither had he told him that he wanted money to defray

any expenses.

Hammond, clerk for Messrs G. B. Ollivant & Co, Ltd., a witness to the plaintiff, stated that he handed the money to Otoo Ankrah for transmission to Barnor and that he had gone for the receipt on two successive Sundays without good results.

Mould Gives Evidence

The second witness, F. J. Mould, me's Lighterage, gaveevi-

At the James Town Tribunal Affua Claims £25 As Nortei Denies To Have Had Social Relationship With Her

> An action for £25 damages was brought by Affuah Assiedu against was sent to the Secretary Gene-Nortei Quaye, at the Ga Manche's Tribunal last Thursday before Nee French Foreign Minister on Tackie Obili and his Councillors. Judgement was reserved until introduction of German conscrip-Thursday 28th instant.

The plaintiff's claim was for the Wireless dispatch. defendant to show cause why he, the defendant after having had social relationship with plaintiff, he defendant, should refuse to accept responsibility for indisposition resulting therefrom.

Complained of Pains

The defendant was represented by his brother, Nortey Oquaye, who, sworn on the Holy Bible, stated that he and the plaintiff were staying in the same house, and that he, the defendant knew the plaintiff a year after her arrival from Kumasi, not before.

Defendant's representative ex-

R. BARNOR DENIES FOR WOMAN SUES FIANCE FOR FRENCH EXPERT PROTESTS

Note Says Germany Violates Treaty Of Versailles While Still In The League

PARIS, March 22.— A telegram ral of the of Nations, by the Wednesday, on account of the tion, reports a British Official

The Note states that Germany has committed a breach of her international engagements while still a member of the League and recalls the preamble to the League Covenant binding states scrupulously to observe their treaty obligations.

extraordinary meeting of the The French Government has League Council in virtue of asked for credits to the total of paragraph 2 of Article x1 of the sixteen hundred million (1,600,000 League Covenant which recog- 000 francs for the renovation of nises the friendly rights of the military air arm.

## ITALY DEPRECATES

BERLIN, March 22 (Reuters),— France and Italy yesterd y delivered their Notes to Germany protesting against the latter's new Conscription Order.

France's Note, a stiffly worded document, refuses to allow unilateral decisions, violating international agreements, to be taken on account of any negotiations. The Italian Note protests on the same lines.

Herr von Neurath, the German Minister, has repudiated both protests on the ground that the disirmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty have already been violated by the other signatories,

## FRANCE ASKS 1,600,000,000 FRANCS FOR AIR DEFENCE

Futhermore, it asks for an PARIS, March 24 (Reuters).-

## Our Ladies At Public Lectures

By Observer

satisfaction the article by Society should undertake to each containing special materials. "Rosalind" which appeared arrange another suitable in your valuable journal of lecture directed chiefly towards the 7th March, 1935, regard- the education and welfare of ing the absence of ladies at our ladies to be delivered by public lectures.

be adopted to improve the be presumably occupied by a present much spoken of lady. observe that a public lecture this suggestion and hope I table cloths, chemises, cloth bags. been arranged to take place society could be sufficiently ers in this section. at the Bishop's School Hall, able to undertake this laud- There was another house inlist Society.

#### Will Yield Fruits

As we are all aware, this society has a great number of patronesses and lady honor- of this society is to give a there were not many spectators. encouraging to note (as I hope mutual understanding with a they would) if the Society view to rendering possible the sent. would endeavour to urge upon | spirit of unity and service, lecture.

one of their patronesses or Whilst contemplating as to lady honorary members and what adequate steps should the chair on that occasion to

honorary members.)

#### Unity and Service

Moreover, one of the objects moment that the presence or men. This venture if seriously attendance of ladies at public. The ladies who attended in

## Achimota Exhibition

The Exhibition which took place at Achimota last Friday was most interesting.

The houses were divided al-I have read with great suggest that the Royalist phabetically into departments,

I was much impressed when I got to house "J", which contained "housecraft."

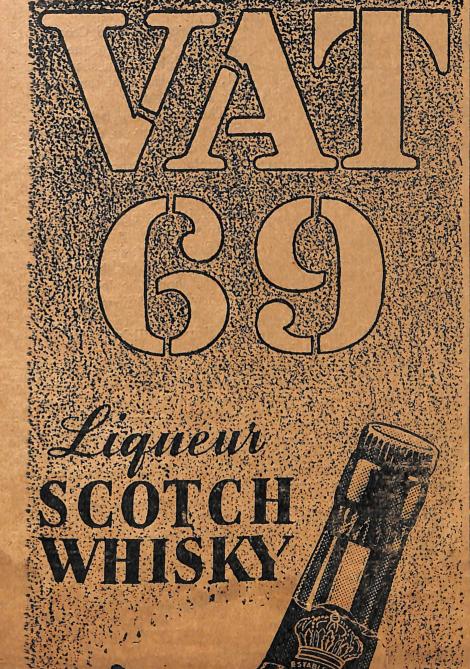
There were two divisions in this house. In the first were a lot of girls preparing various African and European dishes.

In the second were beautiful situation, I have come to I have been forced to make materials comprising baby's cot. "The place of manners in have not gone beyond bounds, sweaters and several smart specieducation" to be delivered by because I am led to the mens, all hand-sewn, and reflect-Mr John Buckman, M.B.E. has conclusion that no other ing great credit to the girl work-

on Monday the 11th March, able task, than the Royalist which Nature was apparent in 1935, at 5 p.m., under the Society on whose roll of mem- all its beauty, i.e., flowers, birds auspices of the Accra Roya- bership are a large number of of diverse kinds with lovely ladies (patronesses and lady feathers, insects of almost all sizes, X-ray, pictures from Korle Bu Hospital and last but not least, the skeleton of a man.

About fifteen hundred were pre-

The Exhibition was so instructheir lady helpers to be pre- and I believe that as we all live that I wished there were sent at their forthcoming feel nervous at the present more people, particularly wo-



## RAIN SPOILS TEACHER'S & NATIONAL SCHOOL BEATS

## Former Scores 68 For 10 And Opposing Team Makes Efforts Latter 23 For 4 But Bad Weather Stops Match

Resuming play last Saturday at Guggisberg Park, before a handful of onlookers, Teachers Cricket Club scored 68 runs all out against Korle Lagoon Cricket Club which rolled 23 runs for the loss of four wickets. The match was marred by rain, and therefore declared drawn.

Badger and P. D. Quartey overnight batting, and the pair (hill. surprised the bowlers when they hit 16 runs at short intervals, to bring the total to 48, before Erskine renewed his successes by dismissing Quartey for 6.

### Badger Bowled by Erskine

Mensah the tenth man joined Badger, and by splendid batting 7 runs were added to the score, ere Badger 15, the hero of the day, was clean bowled by Erskine.

Botchway the last man in, partnered Mensah, and hit a boundary for four, and later made a single run. The couple secured a firm position for their side when 13 runs were contributed to reach a total of 68 all out.

## KORLE LAGOON'S MATCH GOVERNMENT BY I TO 0

## To Equalise But Nationals Give Defence To Wings

In the presence of over 5,000 spectators, the Gold Coast National School defeated the Government School in the football match in respect of the Annual Schools' Football League contested at the Government School Sports Ground last Friday afternoon, by one goal to nil.

The National School won the (senior), went into continue their toss and preferred to play down-

Play was commenced at 4.30 p.m., and the weather was quite fair and favourable on all sides.

## Left Wingers Shine

The National School team which determined to defeat the Champions in previous years, commenced with full vigour coupled with skill and tactics which made the game to be more thrilling and very sensational.

Mensah at the left out and of it. "Dangerous" Ankrah at the left in, kept and protected their wings strongly that no player of the opposing team, however skilful he played, could get the least addition his strokes hadn't their chance of passing by.

"Dangerous" Ankrah especially figured prominently as he dodged standard for that matter, but now



## GILDEA AND FEENY BEAT Mr E. Benest. JOSEPH & QUARTEY 6-4, 6-3

## Are Somewhat Off-Colour And Lose Championship

Championship of the All-Comers Tennis Tournaments from Joseph and Quartey, of Achimota, by defeating them 6-4, 6-3. Mrs Burner and Mrs Hamilton also beat Mrs Shaw and Mrs Barnhill in the Ladies Handicap Doubles, final, by 6-1, 6-3.

sparkle on the part of Quartey, Mrs Burner, and Mrs Shaw, the afternoon's play was singularly) thrilless. The losers were unable to put up a fight against their con-

#### Match Ends Tamely

In the men's contest, Joseph appeared to be a little off-colour, and netted a good many balls. In usual pep and accuracy.

Nor was Quartey up to his own almost every player he met and and again he served and followed proceeded boldly to the front through rather well. He is about aid of the Boys' Scouts.

## G. C. BOXING TOURNEYS WILL TAKE PLACE SOON

## Board Of Control Decides To-Have Sub-Committees In Different Sections

The proposed Gold Coast Boxing Board of Control met at the Rodger Club on Thursday, March 21, under the chairmanship of

The Board decided to have Sub-committees in different sec-Well-Known Achimota Pair tions of the Gold Coast, allied with the parent-body at Accra.

With reference to the position of boxers, promoters, and man-At the Lawn Tennis Club agers, it was agreed that proscourts, Rowe Road, on Friday pective promoters should notify afternoon last, Gildea and Feeny the Board of their plans for won the Men's Open Doubles boxing bout, and that their activities should be legalised by the issuance of licenses.

## Boxers will be Licensed

In this connection, it was agreed that no contests for Except for an occasional minor championships or for trophies would be recognised unless permission for the same had been expressly granted by the Board.

Boxers will have to take out querors, who had too easy a time licenses and their compensation will be regulated so as to protect the promoters, the managers, and the boxers.

## Tournament in April

The Board sanctioned staging of a boxing tournament. on April 5, under its auspices, in (1967年) 1965年 (1967年) 1966年 (1967年) 1967年 (1967年)

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## GERMANY RE-ARMS

THE deliberations of the Legislative Council seem to have attracted more attention so that we have left the outside world, with its increasing problems, temporarily. While Sir Arnold Hodson was assuring us that "barring no unforseen event, the ship of state will soon be sailing through calmer and less troubled waters," the Right Honourable Mr George Lansbury, M.P., Leader of the Opposition, told the British Parliament that recent events in Germany had "caused a shock and a feeling akin to despair almost comparable with what hap- the treaty, ratified the same, pened in 1914." In other words, the European States have carried their policy of preparedness so far that they are like a loaded dynamite awaiting for some one to light the fuse.

Herr Hitler, since assuming the reins of Government, made it definite that the future of Germany cannot be guided by international pacts and documents. His idea of the New Germany is a resurrection of the "blood and iron" policy of the it was agreed that there should be an

Despite the fact that the Treaty of Versailles in Part V, map of Central Europe. Article 198, restricted Germany to the effect that "The armed forces of Germany must not include any military or naval air forces," the German Reich have disregarded this provision and have proceeded to build up an aerial force with Herr von Goering as General of Flyers. Germany has also scrapped a section of Article 160 which restricted the German Army to not "more than two army corps headquarters staffs." As reported in our issue of March 19, Hitler has increased this to a "peacetime army of twelve army corps."

#### INSIDE STUFF

By "Zik"

## ANOTHER SCRAP OF PAPER

The Treaty of Versailles is an inter- be grouped not "under more aspect in international relations.

It is true that this treaty was imposed on Germany because it lost the war. Let it be admitted that the terms were dictated more or less by Woodrow Wilson, Georges Clemenceau Lloyd George. The fact still remains that Germany, of her own accord, signed accepted it in its entirety. This is a fact, despite the fiction of international law embedded therein.

When now the Allied Powers stayed their hands from bombarding the municipalities of Germany, from seizing the aggregatio mentium for re-shaping the

deliberations. Although a part of its territory was converted into the Corridor between Eastern Prussia and Poland, and a section was given back to the sions." French irridentists, yet it would seem that from the precedents of international law and practice, Germany had to bear the brunt for having allowed the Allies to win the war, and thereby be in posi- military forces shell demobilised and

national document of great importance - two army corps headquarters staffs." in the history of contemporary Europe. It further says: "The maintenance or Like all treaties, whether bi-lateral or formation of forces differently grouped multi-lateral, it is one of the evidences or of other organisations for the comand sources of international law. The mand of troops or for preparation for legality of treaties is thus an important war is forbidden. The Great German General Staff and all similar organisations shall be dissolved and may not be reconstituted in any form."

> In Section III, Air Clauses, Article 198 says: "The armed forces of Germany must not include any military or naval air forces."

The above is a sketchy presentation of the background and pertinent portions of the text of the Treaty of Versailles which is now the basis of European diplomacy,

Germany has no doubt violated the Treaty provisions. In a proclamation made by Hitler to the foreign representatives in Germany, last Sunday, (see our issue of March 19, page 2, column 2) Germany has made a "momentous Germany took part in some of these decision" to re-introduce general and compulsory military service and "to form a peace-time army of twelve army-corps, comprising thirty-six divi-

> This is obviously a violation of Part V, Section I, Chapter I, Articles 159 (which stipulated that "The German

## PROVINCIAL NEWS

#### SALTPOND

The Methodist Church Choir staged their operata entitled "The King of the Shearwood Forest' on Saturday March 9, at the yard of Mr K. O. Cann.

The place was tastefully decorated. The operata, as usual, was well patronised and perfect order was observed.

The community demanded that the entertainment be repeated and we hear preparations are being made by the Choir.

For convenience, we would advise that the entertainment be held in the junior school room. Here, lights could be readily obained.

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### **AGBOGLOSHIE**

One of the European Foreman Platelayers, has lost the respect of his follow workers.

He is in the habit of "picking up" women on the road and taking them to his bungalow.

March, at Acera Railway Bunga- the procession (starting from the

#### AKIM SOADRO

The insanitary condition of Akim Soadro calls for immediate attention. In spite of fines and licence fees representing revenue collected, the authorities seem to take no notice of petitions to improve the condition of the town.

Is it because we have failed to bring the matter to the Press? We appeal to our worthy Nananum Ayirebi Acquah and Tsibu Darku, who represent the Bosome State in the Legislative Council, to ask the Hon D. M. H. S. to devote part of the revenue collected, for improvement of this ancient town.

Will the authorities kindly vote in the forthcoming Session of the Legislative Council, money for expenditure likely to meet the requirements of modern improvements as are being enjoyed by most of our sister States?.

### ABOSO

The Centenary celebration of the Aboso Methodist Mission society took place on the 8th instant. In the morning of that day at about 10, all the mem-This happened on the 4th of bers of that society turned out,



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## THE NATIVE TRIBUNALS

## By W. D. Ofei.

I note with surprise the vehemence with which one "Order" congratulated and at the same time blamed me for my article captioned as above which appeared in the issue of the 1st instant of this daily.

My suggestion with reasons that the Paramount Chief's Tribunal should be deprived of its powers to entertain appeals from, and to stop the trial of certain type of cases by, the Divisional Chief's Tribunal, has so displeased "Order" as to make him treat with contempt and ridicule my article in his own article published on the 11th instant in this paper.

## Not Exceeding its Powers

Obviously, if "Order" were not a criticaster, he would have given reasons for disagreeing with me. I daresay, no Registrar attached to a Divisional Chief's Tribunal can unblushingly and without deprival of the Paramount Chief's compunction say that the Para- Tribunal of its appellate jurisdicmount Chief's Tribunal has not tion will engender a healthy combeen exceeding its power under petition among the Tribunals as tion 70 of the Native Admin- regards judgments; that the Pa-

Now, postulating that the Divisional Chief's Tribunal is equally judicially handicaped as the Paramount Chief's Tribunal. can it be convincingly argued that the latter can guide the former qua Tribunal below? Is it not but the blind leading the blind?

## Strong Belief Stated

intends to appeal against a decision of the Paramount Chief's Tribunal, sitting as an appellate Tribunal, because of his inability to satisfy the heavy costsespecially in land cases—before being granted Leave of Appeal, cannot be slightingly considered St Andrew's River. by any son of the country who relies on the freedom of defending one's rights as a corner-stone in democracy.

It is my strong belief that the

#### OF AFRICAN HISTORY NUGGETS

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## THE AFRICAN IN HOLLAND

power and colonies, the African played i.e. "Now in the most pleasant Dutch a part in the history of Holland which settlement not only did I learn in addiaffected not only Europe but Africa tion the rudiments of Belgian.....22 as well. Jacques Elisa Capitein (1698? -1780?) flourished in Holland at the time of the Peace of Utrecht which made present day Holland a part of The difficulties of a man who Austria. This period was also an important stage of the Slave Trade.

> According to Blumenbach, Capitein was supposed to be born somewhere in the Guinea Coast of West Africa. Some writers suggest Elmina. When he was about eight years old, he was kidnapped and bought by a slave dealer at

> His new master named him "Capitein,'2 instructed him, baptised him and took him to Holland. Here he studied the Dutch language and became interested in painting as well.

He began to study at the Hague, according to Abbé Henri Gregoire, and through the aid of Miss Boscam, a pious and learned lady, he gained access to the richness and beauty of the following languages which he eventually mastered: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chal-

At the period when Holland and gratissima sede non primum tantum Gneat Britain were fighting for sea elementa linguae Belgico addidici,2"

> Probably, the most famous poem of Capitein in his Ode to Death. This was written in Latin and has been translated by scholars. It reads thus: "Invide mors totum vibrat sua tela per orbem," i.e. "Envious death brand thes its weapon through the whole world,"

After finishing his studies at Leyden he was sent as a Calvinist Ministers to Elmina. It is remarked by Blumenbach that Capitein's professor, De Brugmans, reported that the end of Capitein was rather mysterious.

He is said to have been slain by his countrymen when he attempted to foist Western ideas on them. He is also said to have "gone native" and embraced paganism, throwing the Christian religion overboard, and later fied in obscurity.



SLAVERY IN YILO KROBO

(Continued from our last Saturday's issue)

京本 一 Such has been the practices of ne State in the hands of the Elders and Councillors who are supposed to engineer the destiny of the State. If this atrocious custom is not stopped by the Government and is allowed to soar high, the result will be none the better for the State.

I am positive that the Government has no hands in this kind of barbaric custom and I am very certain that it does not know that such kind of inhuman treatment is rife at some other parts of the British Empire otherwise immediate steps would have been taken against it.

And that is the more reason why I am appealing to the government through the media of the Gold Coast Press for it to know how some citizens of the British Empire are made to suffer and leave their town, country, friends and relatives for ever, when they have not committed any serious crime against the State that might be capable of interpretation as treason in the or within the meaning of treason in the native custom and usage.

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frious in this aspect is that the Chief within whose town this kind of crime has happened, fines the family of the unfortunate girl some money ranging from £15 to £20 as violation of the law.

What price Education?

One significant fact about modern civilisation is that the Paramount Chief of Manya Krobo has seen the value of education as well as the importance of human life and has therefore prohibited this sort of custom, although they were practising it together with the State of Yilo Krobo.

This shows that the custom is not good and therefore it should be abolished. Why then for the sake and in the name of humanity cannot this le stopped by Yilo Krobo? Is their persistent perf rmance or observance of the custom not to be interpreted as lack of civil sation and value of human life and limb.

They should follow the ple of the Manya Krobania was customers and the customers and the customers and the customers are the customers are the customers and the customers are the customers and the customers are the customers and the customers are the customers are

## LEAGUE WILL CONSIDER FRENCH COMMUNICATION

GENEVA, March 22.—The French Government's communication calling attention of the League of Nations to the recent German scheme will be considered early in the April sitting of Council, states a British Official Wireless dispatch.

The League Assembly will take this opportunity for an important discussion of the whole question of European settlement.

## 1.O.G.T. NO. 36 INSTALLS T. WENTUM-KITCHNER. L.D.

In the evening of the 14th March, a grand I. O. G. T. ceremony took place at Christiansborg, on the premises of Bro. Lawrence K. Nkulenu when Bro: Joseph R. T. Wentum-Kitchner was installed as a Lodge Deputy for Anang Arvie Memorial Lodge No. 36.

Bro. John Arthur the D. I. C. T. assisted by Bro. J. S. Akuerter Addoo, S. D. officiated and the Seth Osabutey presided.

Addresses interspersed songs were delivered and in most of the addresses Bro. Wentum-Kitcher was extolled for the energetic and active parts he plays in the life of Anang Arvie Memorial Lodge No. 36.

Refreshments were lavishly served. The various Lodges in Acera, Christiansborg and Labadi were fully represented.

## LIBERIA IN WORLD POLYTICS

## By "SCRUTATOR"

I have read Liberia In World Politics three times

First: To gather general informa-

Second: To note carefully the author's diction and erudition. Third: To find fault.

In all, the author stood the test very nobly and I am forced to conclude that Mr Azikiwe cannot surpass himself in any other work. "Liberia in World Politics" is not only a veritable mine of information but also a monument.

It is worth twice its present value.

### "BIG BROTHER", PLEASE NOTE

## By Young Brother

Will you please allow me a space in your valuable journal to my adviser "Big Brother".

I have been left an orphan at an early age, and as a result I am completely deprived from being advised. It was not until three ing firms here who is making himdays ago that my attention was self notorious and objectionable for the Africans. District Chief Templar Bro. E. drawn to an article entitled "Boys to every African who happens to and Girls' Corner" by Big Brother, come in contact with him, either by in the African Morning Post.

Having read it over and over again, I found that Big Brother is now the man who would put me on better track henceforth. I The writer who is carrying on a between the two races. It is for crave his kind indulgence there- little business in cash transaction the supervising Agents of these fore to let his articles at the with the firm is feeling very sorry firms to take keen notice of all aforesaid corner be regular in for the habit of this gentleman. what is happening in the districts. order that those of us who have In consequence of this attitude to- and to remove such people at no advisers may turn our attention to them.

As this treatment meted to some poor and innocent people cannot be well brought before the that all the Divisional Chiefs are the result vill be known to the Verb sap. general public.

captains.

What is calculated as more se- 18th March, 1935.

Slavery Must Go

Is it because the State of Yila Krobo has no thinking person who authority for the simple reason can solve the problem and advise thereon the necessity of stopping themselves interested in that kind the practice? It is high time of other custom, I suggest that I that the State of Yilo Krobo should some sort of enquiry be held in- follow the good example of the to the matter by government and other States in the Gold Coast.

In conclusion, I appeal very Te and there, the custom strongly to the government, as will sink gradually into ob'ivion well as all the philantropists in and every one that would have this Colony, to help the State of been a victim to its punishment Yilo Krobo through the press and would be saved from the hands of some other ways by which the the cruel and primitive chiefs and custom can be brought to an end. Somanyah.

## MERCANTILE SCANDAL

## By Small Trader

Please allow me space in your express my gratitude towards valuable paper to bring before the public a matter which needs prompt checking.

There is a certain white-man in the employ of one of our leadon business transaction or otherwise.

both African women and the men. farious acts should bring disunion wards Africans, many traders are once in order that the peoples' turning their back to this big firm | confidence may be restored.

and daily crowding in the continental firms where they are received with due courtesy.

In fact the New Africa does. not want such negrophobists in their midst. The sooner they go the better, for after all Africa is

It is a wonder that while our noble Governor is trying hard to instil into both white and black a lasting benefit in co-operation In fact he has no respect for such mean people with their ne-

unnection with this intenional usurpation of the powers of the District Commissioner's Court and the Provincial Commissioner's, may I refer "Order" to one instance, namely, the case of Kwaku Budu vs. Nana Adow Dankwa II and others decided by Mr Justice Michelin, where the first accused was proved to have contravened this section by transferring a case from the Aburi Chief's Tribunal to his own.

cited only this case and it is up straight from the Divisional to "Order" to disprove logically my contention that section 70 is Commissioner's Court or the dangerous in the hands of the Provincial Commissioner's, is as Paramount Chief's Tribunal.

## Reason of My Contention

As regards my suggestion that the District Commissioner's and the Provincial Commissioner's Court can be advantageously made the first appellate Courts for both types of Tribunals, I that the District Commissioner's should give further reasons.

The essential qualification of diction, I cannot see. every modern appellate is its dexterity in deciding points of law regarding, say, Damages and Evidence, and, as a matter of plain that I was actuated by just fact, the present constitution of motives to write this article, that, the Paramount Chief's Tribunal, Tam not M-dianoged towards with its majority of illiterates, is the Paramount Chief's Writunal no guarantee of its competency and that democracy without iusas an appellate Tribunal.

mental allegation accounts ly inferior to the District Commissioner's Court or the Provincial Commissioner's; that the conservatism is bad and inimical to our best interests. that upholds the supremacy of the Paramount Chief's Tribunal as an apnellate Tribunal notwithstanding its incompetency.

## Faulty Logic of "Order"

The preposterousness and the illogicality of the analogical contention of "Order," that the sug-For the sake of brevity, I have gestion that an appeal should go Chief's Tribunal to the District equally absurd as another suggestion that an appeal should go to the Privy Council straight from a District Commissioner's Court. are clear as crystal to the logical mind.

> Where it is logically posited Court and the Tribunals are essentially interdependent as to be genarately unchangeable in juris-

In conclusion, it should be tice is illusion, nav, nihility!

University of Leyden, where he found congenial colleagues and teachers. He studied theology there. According to Blumenbach, "It was in his fortieth year that the Negro, Jacques Elisa Capitein studied theology at Levden."

While at Levden he devoted himself to the service of the Nazarene. He planned to be a missionary to his peoples in West Africa. In 1742, he earned the degree of Doctor of Theology on a thesis entitled: "Dissertatio Politico-Theologica de Servitude Liberati Christianae Non Contraria."

One of his biographers says that he was "probably instigated" by the Dutch when he wrote the above dissertation. The thesis was "to prove that slavery is not opposed to Christian freedom."

Gregoire says: "This Latin dissertation of Capitein, rich in erudition, though poor in argument, was translated into Dutch by Wilheur, with the portrait of the author as a frontispiece. in the dress of a minister, and has gone through four editions. He sought to reconcile his countrymen to slavery."

While at the University of Leyden ne also wrote another dissertation entitled "De Vocatione Ethnicorum." He was respected as a great preacher and his book on slavery was used by the Dutch to justify that iniquitous practice.

Blumenbach commenting on his ability as a minister of the gospel says of the Reverend Doctor Capitein: "I have several sermons and poems by him, which I will leave to their own merits, but more interesting and more famous in his Dissertatio ... ?

began thus: "Hac autem in Batavorum source.

Envious death brandishes its weapons through the whole world. And rejoices that some one has succumbed to it. Free from fear, it wings its way in-'o Kings' chambers. And bids them lay down the septres of power from their hand. It does not allow leaders long to behold their triumphs won, But forces them to relinquish their brilliant trophies. It claims for itself both the treasures of the rich And also the cottage of the beggant to distribute them to others. With ruthless sickle it cuts off old men and young, It was this bold creature that, clad in black robe, Dared to upset the portal of the Manger's house. And when the fatal cypress stood in front of the dwelling

The above is a translation from the Latin version of the ode which is very long. The abbreviation of the important sections of this poem, together with the diction, style, clarity, force, and other grammatical constructions used in re-casting the ode from Latin to English, must have robbed it of its lustre. Nevertheless, Capitein's reputation as a theological scholar and poet in the eighteenth century Holland, remains for, the delectation of posterity.

High-born Hago gave vent to mopra-

ful groans.

Another important African whose Latin poems were published in 1766, was BERONIUS, "a chimney sweep of Holland" who gained the reputation of being a chimney poet in his days. His poems were translated from Latin. to Dutch and published at Middleburg Capitein was also one of the leading This information may be found in poets of his time in Holland. He H. Ferris, The African Abroad, vol. II wrote mostly in Latin and followed the (New Haven: 1913), pages 836-837, classical masters fairly well. One elegy Mr Ferris indicated Gregoire as his



Mr C. E. Clerk, of Christiansborg, sited our offices yesterday

The Reformers' Club of thristiansorg presents Mr Anamdi Azikiwe,



dge's Tonic

M. A., M. Sc., Editor of The African Morning Post, who will deliver a lecture under their auspices on Tuesday, March 26, in the Presbyterian Junior chool, Christiansborg. The subject of the lecture is "How Shall We Educate the African?" The chairman on this occasion will be Mr. V. A. Tettey, E. A., Inspector of Schools.

The f llowing news, regarding African students in American Universities, are published for general information:

Mi Joseph Ebenezer A. Schandorf, of Christiansborg, who has been studying in the Faculty of Education at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, U.S. A., since 931, has passed with honours his final degree examination. The B. A. will be conferred on him at the annual convocation to be held in June this year.

Mr Oluwaji Oladotun Coker, B, SC., M. E., E. E., of Abrokuta, Nigeria, is a candidate for the C. E, diploma at Howard University. He is aiming to be the first West African student to earn the diploma in Mechanical, Electrical, and Civil Engineering, three distinct and difficult fields.

Akitunde B. Dipeolu, M. A., B. D. of Lagos, Nigeria, is completing his studies for the doctorate at New York University. He may return home this summer.

ment yesterday.

He was Louis Pigeyre, an soldier drawing a pension of for a year, and he was sentenced for forging identity papers, on the strength of which he managed to get the girl out of the orphanage.

The public prosecutor revealed that Pigeyre, who had recently been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment as a white-slave trafficker, had been instrumental in sending the girl's mother to South America.

## YOUNG ALBANIAN WIDOWER SPEEDS DEATH BANQUEST

BELGRADE, March 22 (Reuters)—Filip Pashko, a handsome young Albanian peasant widower from near Bar, ate two chickens, a dozen eggs, two pounds of cheese, two pounds of beef-steak and a pound of dried ham.

He drank over a gallon of strong red wine and a quart of local brandy and smoked during the

night over 100 eigarettes.

In the morning he was executed for the murder of his two-children.

## COMMISSIONER GIVES HUGE SUM FOR PROVIDING WORK

LONDON, March 21.— The Commissioner for Special Areas in England and Wales has offered a conditional gift to the Tyne Improvement Commission, reports a British Official Wireless dispatch.

One-third of the estimate, cost of £750,000 has been devoted for the construction of a deep water quay in Tyne river between Jarrow and South Shield, in order to relieve unemployment.

in distressed districts,

believe that more will follow in State. their wake very soon.

One cannot understand why the hard hearted families of the girls even under the present "Miscegesold them into slavery and allow this nefarious practice to go on all for the sake of few pounds and ed. Hedder had a number of obthereby, losing their daughters stacles to overcome. for ever.

I am a Krobo man, residing in the town of Somanya. know all about the custom prevailing in the State of Yilo Krobo, but this practice of selling women into slavery has no precedence in the annals of the State.

## The Dippo System

My late grand uncle told me how the "Dippo System" had to be introduced into the State, during their olden days, as law through the 'Dippo System' con-

That means that the particular girl is to be expelled from the town, her relatives and all personal enjoyments as a native of the town, for ever. It is a mere frightful thing for the quick delivery of the young unfortunate girl.

has happened since its introduction into the country until 1898 or thereabouts when the modern civilisation of our State began and from thence this system became enormous that at least every year the average number of girls to be deprived from the State were two

It fell to my lot this year that my maternal cousin who got conceived when she had not passed through the 'Dippo System' was bound by the custom regarding the 'Dippo' performance to leave the State.

(To be Continued)

encapest price of £15-£26 black and white is forbidden in natter would receive attention. h and there is every hope to the Transvaal and Orange Free

In Natal and the Cape Province, mixed marriages are permissible nation Law."

Permissible—but not encourag-

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## HIS EXCELLENCY OPENS ACHIMOTA EXHIBITION

## Appreciates Rev. A. G. Fraser's Activities And Hopes His Works Will Continue

ACHIMOTA, March 22.—His Excellency Sir Arnold Hodson expressed his appreciation for the work done by and that any girl not going of Achimota College when he declared the Reverend A. G. Fraser, Principal the Achimota Exhibition opened before a ception is deprived from staying crowd estimated at about fifteen hundred, yesterday.

> Sir Arnold remarked that the retirement of the Rev. Fraser will be felt in educational circles here, but hoped that in Reverend H. M. Grace, the good work done by Reverend Fraser

Among the celebrities who were at Indeed no violation of this law the exhibitions of the College were The Honourable Ayirebi Acquah III, the Omanhene of Winneba, The Honourable Nana Sir Ofori Atta, Omanhene of Akim Abuakwa, Honourable Mr G. J. Christian, Mr Gerald Power, Mr L. E. V. McCarthy, Mr K. A. Bossman, Dr O. C. Arthur.

Mr and Mrs A. S. Dadzie, Mrs Gladys Wise, Mrs J. B. Danquah, Mrs Hanson Sackey, Mrs E. H. Binks, Mrs W. E. F. Ward, Captain and Mrs Maxwell Lawford, the Misses Frances Dove, Ruby Papafio, Maud Dove, J. Christian, O. Akiwumi.

The Misses Alice Palmer, Hilda Reindorf, Mary Woode, E. K. Hellens, Mary Quartey, Hannah Guardner.

## TOWN COUNCIL GIVES £150

At the general monthly meeting (a donation of £200, if funds were of the Accra Town Council held at the Municipal Offices, Accra, on Monday February 11th, at 2.30 p.m., the subject of donation of £200 to the Accra Maternity, was discussed.

The President placed on the table a letter from the Director of the British Red Cross Society, Gold Coast Branch, dated 23rd January, 1935, asking for donation by the Council to name a bed in the new Red Cross Ward at the willing to help. Accra Maternity Hospital which, it was hoped, would be completed within the next two months.

## Councillor Recommends £200

Councillor Kojo Thompson moved that the Council should support the Red Cross Society and suggested a donation of £200 if funds were available.

He directed the attention of members to the good work done by the Society, especially in work in Accra. At present the the reduction of about £2,000 in Maternity Hospital was fully occupied, and a good many people balance at the end of the next were turned away for want of financial year.

too much of the Council, and he it was one of the institutions in strongly recommended that the Accra which the Council ought Council should give a donation to help.

## Kitson-Mills Suggests £150

The Medical Officer of Health, in supporting Councillor Kojo members to the good work done

He agreed with the suggestion of Councillor Kojo Thompson fo

available.

c electric standards, and the

Councillor Kitson-Mills associated himself with the views expressed by Councillor Kojo Thompson and the Medical Officer of Health, but suggested that in view of the financial position of the Council the donation should be limited to £150.

They all appreciated the good work done by the Society, especially in Accra, and they were all

Counciller Akilagpa Sawyerr remarked that he was inclined to think £150 was sufficient for the present.

de Graft Johnson Agrees

Councillor de Graft Johnson agreed with Councillors Kitson Mills and Akilagpa Sawyerr.

The President observed that, as far as could at present be ascertained, the surplus balance of the Council at the end of the present financial year would be connection with the maternity about the same as last year; but the House Rates would affect the

He did not think he was asking with the Society, and he thought

The financial position of the Council was not too good but he considered that a donation of £150 could be afforded.

The President then put the Thompson, called the attention of matter to the vote and as a result the Council resolved that a donain the town by the Society, and tion of £150 be made to the asked that the Council should British Red Cross Society, Gold Coast Branch, to be used to name hed in the new Red Cross Ward he Maternity Hospital, Accra

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Will the authorities of the Churches read once more the order of the Christian Doctrine to their representatives, Ministers, Catechists, Lay Readers and Presbyters who evidently misunderstand the same.

## A.S.T.U. WILL HONOUR REV FRASER AT RODGER CLUB

## Committee Uf Union Arranges Fifting Farewell Reception For Her Grand Friend

It is understood that the Para mount chiefs and chiefs have very kindly accepted the request of the Management Committee of the A. S. T. U. to co-operate with that august body in holding the farewell reception in honour of the Rev A. G. Fraser, C. B. E. M. A. the Principal of Achimota College, and Mrs Fraser at the Rodger Club on Saturday the 23rd instant.

In the A. S. T. U. circles, the Chief of Achimota is held in a very high regard. The Teachers of the Union maintain that their Union owes its origin to the suggestion of Rev Fraser.

The Committee itself, is arranging a fitting farewell reception for their great friend when they heard of a similar move prominent citizens.

With the co-operation of the try must be complete.

## KUMASI

The public would like to know what has happened to the florins collected from various gentlemen as cost of tickets for the dance arranged by Kumasi section of the British Red Cross to come on since the 23rd of last month, in aid of the social activities and the health of the Ashanti children in Kumasi.

The trooping of the colours by the Gold Coast Regiment took place last Saturday the 19th instant at the Ridge Polo Grounds.

The Earl of Plymouth visited the Ashantihene in state with his Secretary, Mr Creasy. He shook hands with the Ashantihene between the hours of 10 and 11.

A question to the Police Authorities-What steps do they intend taking in respect to the complaint made by the Government Official who reported at the police-station as having been severely beaten by a gang of Ashanti young-

The engagements are announced between two Bank clerks. Messrs J. E. Addison and Charles Wood and two clinic nurses, Misses Elizabeth Smith and Nancy Quansah.

At Kumasi on the 9th instant, a dance under the auspicies of the Kumasi Youngsters Club took place at Mr Osei Kweku's premises and was well attended, though by the Natural Rulers and the it was very severely disturbed by the rain.

A thrilling music was rendered A. S. T. U., the farewell recep- by the Kumasi Warrabs Orchestion for the Rev Fraser as a tra under the baton of Mr N. T. leading educationist in the coun- Clerk. Congratulation to the club members.

contemporary history. He has lived in a land where the black Obuasi and Acera and intermediate staman ruled and governed himself for centuries, Sir Arnold is not oblivious of the ironies of history. That is why his address is destined to go down in our national history as a bible of social legislation, despite its short-comings in certain isolated

sections. The way Sir Arnold treated the financial condition of the

country should buoy up our hopes. It is true that our surplus may be more than £84,772, and that our reserve fund amounts to £1,301,746, and that our assets exceed our liabilities by

£707,265. But the reasons given for not touching this large balance are substantial, although we submit that we cannot against him. I only deprecated overlook the fact that the problem of unemployment being so acute, the Government should, with the approvol of the Legislative Council, make appropriations from this huge balance for

necessary public works, to relieve unemployment, immediately.

We are also glad to know that in the regime of Sir Arnold, social welfare work will be encouraged. He proudly states: "I need only add that it has been a source of much gratification to me that it has been found possible in my first hudget to augment votes for medical and health services. I regard money spent on these services as the best of all possible investments." In this connection, Sir Arnold should take steps to see that the African Medical Officers be placed on an equal basis with Europeans in so far as their training, salaries, allowances, etc., see it! are concerned.

Sir Arnold also has promised that "when the 'Block Grant' estimate for the assisted schools for the next triennium is under consideration, it may be possible to augment the funds for these schools. No one will venture to deny that it is one of the first duties of Government to provide adequate funds for the educational needs of the people," These pronouncements with reference to education are optimistic. It follows that His Excellency realises the importance of private or assisted schools

to the progress of any country.

In view of the fact that Sir Arnold is practising slowly but surely what he preaches, and that his address has been a sort of a preface to what may be called the formulation of his policy, there is no need to be apprehensive. Rome was built after several years of arduous labour, patience, self-sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility. With the reduction of our railway fares, the reduction of postal rates, the promise of unemployment relief through necessary public works, and an invitation to straightforward criticisms, let us have confidence in Sir the European personnel remained Arnold until he gives occasion for us to doubt.

## REV A. G. FRASER OF ACHIMOTA

## By "Lobster"

Further to my article regardinterpreted that I have a grudge the idea, both on logical and constitutional grounds, of the public being asked to subscribe funds for a send-off and presentation to him. I want to ask our respective leaders a few straight-forward questions and to demand their answers-

First of all let them tell me in which way has Rev. Fraser endeared himself to the African? Secondly what stimulus has he given to Education? We cannot

To come to the subject of this article, is it not a fact that Rev. Fraser wilfully declined to engage deserving Africans at Achimota?

- I. Mr K. A. Konuah, B. A. (Dunclm,) was "sacked" by Rev. Fraser but he offered to give him a testimonial if he wished to teach in any other secondary school. Is this fair to Africans? See what success the boys trained by this very Konuah who in the opinion of the Omanhene of Achimota was unable to teach, have shewn.
- because he is an African whilst intact.

3. Mr G. N. Alema, B. Sc., in Rev. A. G. Fraser of agriculture (Oxford), was delibe-Achimota, I hope it will not be rately refused employment at Achimota.

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4. Mr Peregrino Peters, B. A. (Dunelm,) also was rejected.

5. Did not Rev. Fraser promise Mr Lawrence (Nephew of Mr Frank Ribeiro) an appointment at Achimota provided Lawrence went to England to qualify at any of the Universities, and no sooner had the boy gone to England than he withdrew his promise. Lawrence is now a burden on his family while in England.

6. Rev. Fraser made similar promise to one Mr Dowuona, who is now studying at Oxford, only to withdraw the promise.

7. Dr J. B. Danquah, PH. D., and Prof. Nnamdi Azikiwe, M. A. M. Sc., were also refused to enter the portals of Achimota.

In view of these facts, is it not the height of folly to honour such a man. The whole matter is nauseating, and if I were the Rev. gentleman I would decline the invitation. I have conclusively proved by the above indicment that Rev. Fraser has no regard for African talent.

2. Prof. N. A. Fadipe, M. A., Editor's Note: While our columns B. SC., a brilliant scholar of are open for public discussions, publication does not necessarily imply our agreement with the premises and conclusions of our correspondents.

about soliciting subscriptions Shirts Shirts from the people of this country for the purpose, one pertinent question and that is, What good has Mr Fraser done to the Gold Coast to warrant the presenting him of a Memorial or a Momente.'

The fact must be realised that if at all, it is considered at such a period of economic depression to present any memorial or momento to any European in the public service of this country, such arrangements should not be made under the impuse of a fit of apoplectic eye-service.

## Why Not For Thomas Too ?

Any such memorial should be for valuable service rendered to the people or to the country in general; and before any arrangement is made for such a presentation, the public should be thoroughly acquainted with the nature of the know what their responsibilities service rendered to the country by the European concerned and for which the memorial was to be presented.

The fact that Mr Fraser served for several years as Principal of Achimota College does not, in my opinion, make radius of a certain limit as far it necessary that any memorial should be presented to him by any group of people representing any section of the Gold Coast communities.

Such a memorial should be for the services he rendered to the country in the capacity of Principal of Achimota College. It otherwise, then it

stated stated inter alia that although he was an Ex-Student of Achimota College and he loved the was created a Doctor of Philosophy in do anything to perpetuate its name, yet he would at the same time earnestly appeal to all lovers of education and all race-conscious Africans of the Gold Coast and other colonies to boycott the institution in its Elementary and Kindergarten sections.

## Fraser Not Interested

He further stated pointblank that the Principal of the institution, Mr A. G. Fraser, in his opinion, has no interest whatever in the progress of the African in education.

fact that to all appearance, the members of the institution's Board of Education are not only negligent in their duty but do not seem to are and therefore have thrown the whole upon the shoulders of Mr Fraser who was obviously taking an undue advantage of the situation, (his main aim being to conserve the African within the as his educational attainments are concerned.)

## "An Unnecessary Waste"

He cited many instances in support of his contention and stated that had Mr Fraser any interest whatsoever in the progressive advancement of

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of the most credible travellers, about any one who has perused accounts the natural dispoition of the Negro."

Then he cited the case of Amo, who 1734 at Wittenberg. "He had shown great merit both in writing and teaching; and I have two treatises by him, of which one especially shows a most unexpected and well-digested course of reading in the best physiological works

"In an account of Amo's life, which on that occasion was printed in the name of the University Senate, great praise is allotted to his exceptional uprightness, his capacity, his industry,

Blumenbach says that the University Senate regards his philosophical lectures as follows: "He studied opinions both of the ancients and moderns; he selected the best, and ex- have been minimised it has been necesplained his selections clearly and at sary that these data be presented with full length." For Blumenbach's opinia a sort of a footnote which shows the He also pointed out the ons and citations see his Anthropologic tendency of intellectual vandals al Treatises, Part I, "Contributions to suppress the truth.

Natural History," pages 308-312 (London: 1865).

With reference to a thesis of Amo on "De Jure Maurorum," the Dean of the Philosophical Faculty Amo's contributions in the following words, as interpreted above:

"Excussis tam veterum quam novarum placitis, optima quaeque, selegit selecta enucliate acdilucide interpretatus est."

According to Professor Chamberlain's version as distinct from those of Johann Blumenbach and Abbé Gregoire, Amo's second dissertation was his inaugural address upon being appointed as professor at Wittenberg.

also aided the Prussian Government in on German philosophy.

Although Kant went to the University of Kocnigsberg, yet he read and was influenced, no matter now little, by the philosophical doctrines of Amo and Woni, two of the leading professors of philosophy of that period in Germany.

Immanuel Kant was followed other great names in the annals German critical philosophy. persons, like Kant, were also influenced, These indirectly if not directly, by Amo's teachings.

The students who became famous philosophers after Amo and Wolff had laid the foundations are as follows: Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), Gotthold Ephraim Lessing (1729-1781), Johann Gottlieb Fichte (1762-1814), Friedrich Wilhelm Schelling (1775-1854), Georg Wilhelm F. Hegel (1770-1831), and Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860).

Because the contributions of Amo

Very few philosophers or students of philosophy have given Amo the credit due to him. Christian Wolff, his colleague is mentioned as "the school master of the German peoplethe philosopher of the common place man; and therein lay his contribution to German intellectual ife. He was the first German founder of a "school" of philosophy." See H. E. Cushman, A Beginner's History of Philosophy, Vol. II, Modern Philosophy, (Boston: 1911, rev. ed.), page 234.

From the foregoing facts, and taking into consideration that Wolff was a contemporary of Amo as well as a colleague, and that Frederick subsidised the Universities of Halle and Witten-Amo in addition to being a sound two men, and making Amo his Counstudent of philosophy was also a philo- sellor of the State, and Amo was relogist of no mean repute. His linguistic garded in the University as "Vir write, and speak Dutch, German, Latin dents of history cannot disregard the Greek, and Hebrew. At this time, he influence of this African philosopher

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## Takoradi Harbour Revenues

As regards Takoradi harbour, which in future will be treated as an integral note that its revenue is increasing. The an average of 53 Europeans approximate receipts for the first nine months of the year amount to £113,000, an increase of £9,000 over the corresponding period of 1933. This improvement gives cause to hope that financial equilibrium between harbour exported during 1934 amounted revenue and expenditure may be reach- 339,385 dry tons valued at £480,880 ed in the near future.

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cage, causing it to jam in the shart, the continued pull of the winding engine then breaking the rope.

## Export of Diamonds Increased

All possible precautions have been taken to prevent a recurrence of such an accident; and compensation to two years' wages of each deceased is being paid to the dependents of the victims. A Sessional Paper containing a report on the accident and correspondence on the subject is in course of preparation.

The total amount of diamonds exported during 1934 was 2,391,609 carats valued at £756,816 as compared with 1,996,988 carats at an estimated value of £1,098,343 £.342,527 in their value.

A new company, Ayena Limited, started producing in April and at the removed, with the approval of end of the year there were five diamond Council, in July last. companies in operation. They employed It is a matter for congratulation that the year.

## Broadcast Service Ready

The total quantity of manganese ore as compared with 264,040 tons valued The continued high price of gold at £361,308 in 1933 showing an inindustry during the year. The follow- respectively. There was, as in previous Government, with this large balance, ing figures show the extent of this in- years only one mine producing man-should now expand social services and ganese ere, that at Nsuta the property embark upon works of development to The company, with a sustained demand the draft Estimates for 1935-36. We for manganese ore, has been able to must, however, remember that we have make regular shipments, and has em- an undischarged liability amounting to ployed an average of 22 Europeans £638,732 in respect of suspended and 921 Africans per day throughout contributions to the Railway Renewals

> in Freetown, and has proved highly the balance of surplus assets is small. satisfactory from both a technical and Unavoidable expenditure from the

financial point of view.

thence to subscribers' houses by means to the credit of that Fund will be reof wires similar to the

and will bring much enjoyment the homes of subscribers.

I am happy to inform you that our passed by this Council in March last year, a small deficit of £5,000 was budgeted for.

and expenditure show that the year will result in a substantial surplus indeed the latest figures indicate that this surplus may be larger than the which had reached maturity. sum of £84,112 recorded in Acting Colonial Secretary's Memoran-

on official emoluments and the 5 per cent surtax on Customs duties

and this Government has weathered the 4,304 Africans per day throughout period of acute economic depression without having to draw upon the Reserve Fund which remains intact at it will not be out of place if I say that, estimated at £.707,265.

## Large Balance Available

The suggestion might be made that

greater extent than that indicated in Fund for the years from 1931-32 to In the spring of 1934 a relay wire- 1935-36. When this liability has been less broadcast service was inaugurated taken into account it will be seen that

Programmes are received at a central must be faced during 1935-36, with receiving station and are distributed the result that the estimated balance ordinary duced to £309,793 on the 31st March,

If the improvement in the position continues, I hope that, when the "Block Grant" estimate for the assisted schools for the next triennium is under consideration, it may be posthe Estimates for the current year were sible to augment the funds earmarked for those schools. No one will venture deny that it is one of the first duties of Government to provide adequate

The revised estimates of revenue funds for the educational needs of the

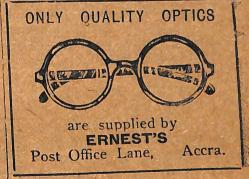
We have been able to redeem, with the aid of small conversions, two loans the this operation, we shall save the sum of £48,693 in a full year, namely saving of £.59,493 per annum This improvement has been achieved railway loan charges, less a loss of carats exported but a decrease of about notwithstanding the fact that the levy £10,800 representing the annual interwere that Fund having been applied towards this redemption. Unfortunately none of our other loans have reached the date of

#### Passenger Rates Reduced

Before I leave the subject of finance. £1,301,746. In addition to the Reserve in view of the improvement in the fin-Fund, the excess of assets over liabili- ancial situation, various measures have ties on the 31st March of this year is been sanctioned during the course of the last nine months which will afford some measure of relief to the community. I refer to the following:-

- (a) the removal of the 5 per cent surtax on Customs duties in July last;
- (b) the reduction of the railway freight on cocoa from stations

(Continued on page 7)



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I feel it most heart-rending in taking my pen to report the system of slavery in the state of Yilo Mbatah, is 22. Krobo that has been going on sometime ago, and which has not ried in the Court House. The as yet been checked by the Gov- bridegroom looked spruce in a ernment-probably due to the neat new suit with new brown fact that the Government is not shoes; the bride wore European aware of its existence in the State. | clothes, with white stockings.

## DEALS IN SLAVE-TRADE NATIVE GIRL (ZULU) OF 22

'I Prefer Black Girl' Hedder Replies His Pals Who Say He Should Marry White

ers).-Willie Frederick Leonhard Hedder has had his way. He has

He is a European, born in Natal of German parantage 28 years ago. His black bride, Bettinak

Mr and Mrs Hedder were mar-

Cocond WM: 1 M

NANA PREMPEH II AIMS AT A.T.C. WILL PROVIDEMORE

KUMASI, March 22.— The Asantehene is taking high-handed actions here to muzzle the City Press Limited, Accra.

Maddened by recent publications appearing in the Spectator and the Morning Post, regarding movements, publications which are alleged to be defamatory, the Asantehene has, it is understood, since Wednesday last, been circulating all Confederacy Chiefs to side with him in banning the above-mentioned newspapers from Ashanti.

From all appearances, Nana Prempeh II abhors publications of his political and social activities and seems to think that his

## BANNING MORNING POST STREET LIGHTS IN 1935

The question of extending the street lights at night came up for discussion at the meeting of the Accra Town Council held on February 11 at the Municipal Offices.

Councillor Akilagpa Sawyerr called attention to the poor lighting of the streets in Accra.

He remarked that the matter had been brought up several times, but nothing had been done as yet.

He invited members to go out

## CONCIONORDICIONORDICIONO PERSONAL

Under the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir Arnold Hodson, a grand Easter Race will take place on April 20 and 22 respectively.

Mr I. T. A. Wallace Johnson's health has greatly improved.

A Memorial Service on behalf of the late Miss Drusilla Josiah, 2nd Division Clerk, Post and Telegraphs Department, will be held at Christ Church, Cape Coast. on Sunday the 24th instant at 9 a.m.

Mr E. A. Sappon, 2nd Division Clerk Railway Department, has been awarded the Bennet College Diploma for special studies for the police force.

The subjects in respect of which the diploma is awarded are English, Arithmetic, Geography, General Knowledge, Police Duties and Road Plans.

Mr T. Laud Hammond, formerly Second Division Clerk of the Public Works Department, has been reappointed in the Medical Department.

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## MOTHERHOOD

By Elena

with great pleasure the articles the following questions to her:contributed by the Lady Columnist Miss Angelina, we fail to agree with her where she stated in the issue of February 25, that the way and manner in which illiterate mothers look after babies is not good, and advised them to attend the Mothers' Union said to have been formed at the Bishop's I School.

Miss Angelina, our lady adviser, may be right in some sense, but it must be made clear to her that before European civilisation, live, then I have no alternative our mothers have been looking than to apologise to Miss well after babies, who turned Angelina, but, if not, then I out more robust and healthier should say that she should not than those of today.

Before I say anything further over illiterate mothers.

Although we have been reading (in this matter, I should like to put

- (a) What have become of children whose mothers are illiterates?
- (b) Was Miss Angelina or her mother not bred by an illiterate?
- (c) Can she say that the deaths of babies during; the past three months were only of those born of illiterate mothers?

If the answer to the foregoing questions are all in the affirmatake advantage of her literacy



WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED FOR FORGERY

AIX-EN-PROVENE, March 22 (Reviers).-An ex-soldier who



## PROVINCIAL NEWS

#### NSAWAM

The escort police attached to the motor traffic control duty, Dr Francisco Ribeiro, our stationed at Nsawam over five Medical Officer, and her daughter. years now, is in friendly terms Miss Francisco Ribeiro, lett here with most of the drivers.

acquaintances find it very s. s. Wahehe on the 15th instant, difficult to bear with conditions for England. as regards his conduct.

him.

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## AGONA DUNKWA

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The funeral obsequies of the late Mr J. P. Quacoe was completed on the 17th instant. That of Mr Bentil, an intimate friend Easter week. of the former will also be finished | x

#### ADA

Mrs George Ribeiro, wife of by road on the 14th mistant, for Those of us who are not his Accra, where they boarded the

The doctor accompanied his Will the A. C. P. please change wife and daughter to Accra, and having seen them safely on board, returned to his station on the 16th instant.

Miss Francisco Ribeiro, who is a beautiful singer, we understand, is being taken to a Boarding School by her mother to finish her education.

We wish Mrs and Miss Ribeiro Bon Voyage.

## LARTEH

The Reverend Father C. A Elliot, English Church Mission Inspector, visited Saint Augustine School and commented upon the efficiency of the staff.

The Reverend Father I. F. Appiah who opened Warawara on Sunday March 10, is transferred to take up duties at Kumasi and Father Asiedu Kofi Awua will resume duties here after the

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## A BIBLE OF SOCIAL LEGISLATION

CIR Arnold Hodson's address to the Legislative Council now in session was commented upon by us as a bible of social legislation. That does not necessarily mean a compendium of laws. It implies an analection of socially desirable policies dedicated to the welfare of the public.

Throughout his address, Sir Arnold's personality seems to it is not necessary for me to enlarge be ever-persistent. Whether the subject discussed was on Public Health, Unemployment, Education, or Finance, there is that impact of Sir Arnold's personality—the Governor with the human touch.

So far as we can recollect, very few administrators are of resulting in economy and the mould of Sir Arnold Hodson. Energetic, democratic, philantrhopic, and realistic. He is energetic in that his address is not a compilation of departmental reports. He is democratic because his address not only touched on the most important aspects of our lives, but it revealed the Governor as a man who realises that Africans are human beings as well as the other races of mankind.

Sir Arnold is philanthropic. His address considers the lot of the rich as well as the poor. He neither forgets the physically STUFF

By "Zik"

## TEXT OF SIR ARNOLD'S ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

During the past year the General tions. In consequence of this reductions Manager of the Railway has been en- the number of passengers travelling

Department, and this will conduce to greatly improved working. The financial be halved, and the system of week-end the draft Estimates for 1935-36, and on this aspect.

Reorganisation has also been carried out in the locomotive branch of the Railway: the district offices at Sekondi and Accra have been closed down, efficiency. The arrangements for policing the railway have been revised, and an independent police force is no longer maintained. This has resulted in a saving in the Railway budget of about £5,000 a year.

Negotiations with the Nigerian Government with regard to the price of coal have resulted in a saving to this learn that there was an increase

gaged on extensive reorganisation of over that portion of the line during the the department. In August the rail- four months from September to Decemway headquarters were removed from ber increased by 117 per cent, and Sekondi to Takoradi, and experience receipts from fares by 32 per cent. gained since then has shown that the The experiment has, indeed, been so The General Manager and his staff class fares being reduced to ½d, per are now in close contact with the mile throughout the line as from the 1st April next,

and day excursion tickets for first class passengers will be extended.

A valuable concession to the cocoa farmer in Ashanti was made from the 1st September by the introduction of a flat rate on cocoa from all stations in Ashanti to Takoradi, the rate per ton from Kumasi to Takoradi being thereby reduced from 82s. to 63s. 6d., representing a concession of 6d. per load

The rates on country produce have also been reduced by half, and this has acted as a stimulus to the production of native foodstuffs.

It will be of interest to members to

## TO WHAT PURPOSE?

## By "Africanus"

In the issue of the "African Morning Post" of the 18th March, "Lobster" has drawn the attention of the public to an important issue which ought to receive some serious consideration.

In fact, when I read about the proposal to give a sort of Send-off to Mr A.G. Fraser, Principal of Achimota College, I was struck dumb to find out that men like Dr Nanka-Bruce and Mr Akilagpa Sawyerr could be concerned with such an affair, they being members of the delegation which received a "sharp slap" in the face of their loyalty at the Colonial Office very recently.

However, when consideration is given to the fact of the part alleged to have been played by Mr Fraser in building the alleged foundation said to have been erected with a "sharp slap" by the delegation, one need not be too surprised at the action of these gentlemen.

### One Pertinent Question

Now, it would be necessary ack and and all of these wh

Van Send-off to

would be necessary for the people of the Gold Coast to present a memorial to Sir Ransford Slater and his immediate successor, Shenton Thomas for having filled the post of head of the Administration of the Gold Coast Government.

## An Ex-Achimota Student

Now, laying aside the facts made bare by "Lobster," in answer to the above question, I would herein relate what an Ex-Achimotan said in a public lecture at Koforidua recently.

It was on the 25th January last, when Mr Wallace-Johnson delivered a lecture on the subject of the "New Era." In his lecture, the Lecturer referred to the kind of education at the moment being given to the African Youth of the Gold Coast and stressed the point that the time is come when the African should take up the subject of his education in his own hands if he aimed at any future progress.

## Boycott Achimota

At the close of the lecture.

OF AFRICAN HISTORY

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## BLACK ADVISER OF FREDERICK II

At the Court of Berlin, Professor its secret service. A very high honour Anton Wilhelm Amo, used his philoso- - "Geheim-Rat," was conferred on Counsellor of the State, he highly respected by Frederick the Great. Unlike Voltaire, he did not loose favour with the German Emperor and so he taught at Wittenberg for about twenty years.

It is reported that in 1753 he returned home to Axim. Later he moved to Chama where he lived in comparative obscurity. In his "Memoirs and the Academy of Flessnique," David Henry Gallaudat who visited Amo in Moser were the only important German sun on the firmament of Prussia.

The life of Amo and his intellectual accomplishments have endeared him to the hearts of some of the greatest minds of his age. Johann Friedrich Blumenbach, the father of the anthropological sciences, not only admired the black man, as a specific race, but considers the achievements of Amo as a vindication of his theory of racial equality, tory. physically and intellectually

Says he: "It will not be at all superfluous to point out here not so we'lknown though remarkable examples of the perfectibility of the ment faculties and the telents of

As him in appreciation of his aid to was Frederick the Great.

> The points of view of Blumenbach, Gregoire, and Tiedmann, in so far as the brain of the black race is concerned, would seem to make a capital issue out of the experience of Amo's experience in the two foremost universities Germany in the middle of the eighteenth century.

The fact that Leibnitz, Wolff and philosophers who preceded Amo, tendsregarding the twilight of this African to establish the conjectural conclusion that Amo's influence in crystallising German critical philosophy had been under-estimated.

> There is no doubt that the young German students who sat under him were inspired so that in the next fifty, years Germany had been in position to sapply the world with some of the greatest phliosophers of modern his-

The life of Immanuel Kant is interesting in this connection. He was ten years of age when Amo was receiving his second doctorate degree in philosophy and delivering lectures in philosophy at

## ARNOLD'S

(Continued from page 4)

The tennage of manganese increased from 251,000 to 283,000 tons. remarkable recovery has taken place in the timber trade, the tonnage carried having increased from 3,000 tons in the first nine months of 1933 11,000 tons in the corresponding period of 1934.

The department has continued training of African personnel satisfactory results, the only disappointing feature being that the financial position did not permit of the enrolment of all applicants for apprentice-

In the locomotive branch six apprentices completed their training between April and December and all have been retained in the Service. On the 31st December, 40 apprentices were undergoing training in the workshops.

## 31 African Apprentices

In the engineering branch, where classes for apprentice platelayers were introduced in 1925, 31 African apprentices have been appointed to the Service, eight of whom are now foremen platelayers and eleven are headmen in charge of maintenance gangs on the by a serious accident at the Prestea track.

to draw recruits from the Government the death of 41 persons. A cage Technical School at Accra. Such co- containing 41 labourers was being ordination in the production of trades- hauled to the top when the rope broke men will be of the greatest value to and the cage was precipitated to the the African youth of the country, as bottom of the shaft, all its occupants a sound training in whatever vocation being killed outright. is selected will be assured

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ADDRESS crease. At the end of 1933 there were telephone lines. development, and fifteen companies to his own requirements. were prospecting.

£,1,299,495 was mined: in this figure was increased £1,385,026.

ture of the expansion which is employed was 365 Europeans 16,453 Africans and for the quarter, for the second quarter Lucyeaus and 21,016 Africans, 26,379 Africans and for the last quarter 659 Europeans and 27,522 Africans.

The labour employed on gold mines has thus nearly doubled itself during the year. In order adequately to super- month will be made for loud-speakers vise this increased mining activity, it installed in private residences, and £6 has been necessary to provide for an a year or 10s, a month for those inadditional Inspector of Mines: further stalled in public rooms, e.g. clubs or legislation to provide for the adequate messes. control of sanitation and housing in No charge will be made for installamining areas is also under considera- tion, but subscribers will be required

#### Accident at Prestea Mines

The year was unfortunately marred Mine, Ariston Gold Mines (1929) The department has also arranged Limited, on the 5th June, which caused

Tests have established that strength of the winding rope considerably above the limit fixed by the Mining Regulations for the load which it had to bear, and the probable aunlamation of the accident, now that

During 1933 gold to the value of of State and this Council have approved 1936-37 to 1944-45. 1934 of the establishment of a similar serment has been ordered.

on the mines give even a clearer pic- Officer has been sanctioned, and we pro- have secured for that post the services Exeuring. The daily average of labour of Mr (F. A.) Byron, who installed and the wireless relay system in the Falkfirst land Islands, and in Sierra Leone.

I hope that this service will comfor mence within the next few months. If the third quarter 553 Europeans and it proves successful, it will be extended to other towns.

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1936; and in this connection I have: ave mines in the country producing the only equipment necessary in the been warned by the General Manager gold and sixteen under development: subscriber's house is a loud-speaker that we shall probably be compelled to at the end of 1934 seven mines were with a volume control in order that incur a total expenditure of some producing, twenty-four were under the subscriber may adjust the volume £875,000 on the renewal of locomotives, rolling stock, machinery, track I am glad to say that the Secretary and buildings during the period of

It is important, therefore, that steps to vice in Accra and the necessary equip. should be taken not only to restore to the Fund the total amount suspended the figures of labour employed. The appointment of a Broadcast to date but also to provide, if possible. contribution on the usual scale. This is unquestionably sound finance.

As a first move towards the plenishment of the Fund, the Secretary of State has sanctioned the transfer to its credit of £80,000 from the anticipated surplus on the current year's working. Should the outcome for this and next year prove to be better than forecasted, further transfers of this nature will be made. Full details of the estimated revenue and expenditure for 1935-36 are given in the Acting Colonial Secretary's Memorandum which is already in the hands of members.

Briefly, revenue, which is estimated on a conservative basis, is anticipated to yield £2,404,010, while expenditure is estimated at £2,394,554, resulting in an estimated surplus £9,456.

### Medical and Health Services

The most satisfactory feature of the draft Estimates is the small deficit which the General Manager anticipates regard to the railway and Takoradi harbour; in view of the continued expansion of mining activities, both manganese and gold, I have every hope that his figures will prove correct.

The draft Estimates will be considered by you at this meeting, and I need only add that it has been a source of ul duixious inssibiliratification to me that it has -250 und possible in my first budget Services I for medical and

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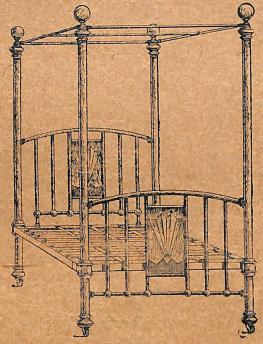
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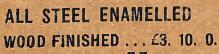
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to the stomach. to head followed by a left hook effective with his rasping rights although the Spider was more

however the Spider hower milim of left jabs. In the last round head with an intermittent stream shank beat a tattoo on Akuso's In the second round the long-Akuso Seems Punch-drunk

> SECONDI IN DUAL FRACAS ACCRA PUGILISTS WHIP

Heavy Rights On Foe ing While Spider Lambasts Seth Sends Lomo A-Flounder-

By Our Special Correspondent

tracas. Arnold Hodson witnessed the Harl of Plymouth and Sir Sekondi champion. Both the punching bag out of Akuso, the Flyweight Champion, made a Spider Neequaye, the Gold Coast from Lomo, on points, while Heavy Weight Champion, won S th Odamtten, the Gold Coast with Acera showing upper hand. pushers of this town was held Accra boxers and the leathernight, the dual meeting between SEKONDI, March 17.- Last

Spider Neequaye made a great In the imbroglio with Akuso,

Champ Outslugs Opponent experienced at Kumasi not long come-back after the reverse he

things up with his opponent but gaixim ylao don ni mvol smit-blo hippo, the Spider showed his as to sbid agnot sat Akuso, who was as stubborn as Not taking any chances with

changes. Both were even the end. Gildes took charge of fighters rather wild in their ex-The first round found the two

outslugging him.

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SECTION

Win Match By 6-1, 6-1 Form And Helps Gildea To Lady Partner Displays Great

atternoon's play. usualy large crowd witnessed the who scored 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. An unby Captain Venour and Dr Grieve. of the Men's Handicap Doubles, of Walter and Eatly, in the final seal on its prowess by the deleat Kowe Koad, and old age set the of the All-Comers competition at final of the Mixed Open Doubles Hamilton by 0-6, 6-1, 6-1 in the Burner swamped Feeny and Mrs Thursday afternoon he and Mrs nis way unchecked, when on All-conquering Gildea went on

and his partner, Mrs Hamilton also. Feeny, who seemed to be in form and his partner lost quickly to base line, with the result that he himself a little too much to the to be taking a nap. He confined Gildea, in the first set, seemed

Gildea Takes Charge

games he and his partner won mon millimited and his games had been given. The first two after another. Welbeck 12, was till the last stroke of the match started, and never again relaxed affairs immediately the second set But that was the beginning of

> COFFECTS 32 RUNS FOR 7 TEACHERS CRICKET CLUB GILDEA AND MRS BURNER

> > SPORTS

berg Park. Match continues to-Lagoon Cricket Club at Guggisterday afternoon against Korle wickets in the match played yesed 32 runs for the loss of seven Teachers Cricket Club collect-

Teachers opened the innings and put their opponents in to bat. Korle Lagoon won the toss, day at 2.40 p.m.

the bowling of Dodoo and Erswith Ankrah and Annan against

In the first over off Erskine,

first day's egg at point. a shelter with Dodoo for the Annan hit the last ball to find

fate being caught by Barnor for the latter also shared the same Ankrah, 5 runs were added when Welbeck tollowed, and with

ed 24-4-6. Erskine for 6. Score board showwhen he also fell a victim to ing the score was raised to 24, beck and through careful batt-Marbell next partnered Wel-

the situation, but he was dis-Victor Lettey was sent to save

all returned to the pavilion one and Frederick o, Quarcoo 2 were, An absolute collapse set in missed by Erskine for 2,

Erskine was the successful the only highest contributor.

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the African in education he would have long been able to realise the fact that the retaining and maintaining of both the Kindergarten and Elementary sections in Achimota College are an unnecessary waste and an act not conducive to the best interest of the people of the country either economically or educationally.

He further stated that on one occasion, Mr Fraser had sought to discontinue higher or University section of the institution with the only obvious reason that that section of the institution might take the African in search of education further than he should be permitted to go.

#### Thanks to Providence

If the above are the impressions of an Ex-Achimotan of the service of Mr Fraser to the country, then for what reason are these gentlemen arranging for a memorial to be given to him?

Are these the sort of leaders the Eastern Section of the Gold Coast could beast of?

Thanks the that the Gold into sections

- on the railway;
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- (f) the reduction, as from the April next, of the inland and 2d. to 1d. for the first ounce.

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He further stated that on one occasion. Mr Fraser had sought to discontinue higher or University section of the institution with the only obvious reason that that section of the institution might take the African in search of education further than he should be permitted to go.

#### Thanks to Providence

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easily, though not without a struggle in the second, "deuce" being called out no less than five times.

Feeny here served well, and followed through with some fine back strokes, to win the only game he and his partner got in that set.

### Mrs Burner Is Great

Mrs Burner, Gildea's partner, served and drove with such energy and precision that she was given rounds of applause again and again. She repeatedly returned, successfully, several high back-hand shots, calculated to beat her, with a movement that was almost acrobatic.

Indeed, taking Gildea for granted, she could be said to have given the best performance of the afternoon.

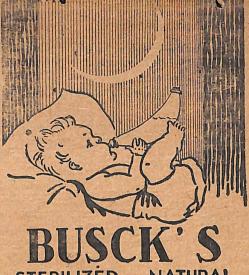
Both of them carried all before them to win two sets at 6-1, 6-1, in a match the first set of which they had lost by no games to six in favour of their opponents.

#### Grieve And Venour Win

Captain Venour and Dr Grieve disposed of their younger rivals Eatly and Walter after three good sets, which ended 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Eatly, fighting as hard as ever, discharged a steady battery or thunderous services and stiff shots against his senior foes, and Walter was no less capable with his swift chop strokes.

But they were up again a stonewall and quickly threw up their arms, after winning the first set at 6-4. Experience and consisnext two sets went at 2-6, 3-6 against them.



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swing and landed almost at will. Akuso seemed ready for the cleaners.

The fight assumed a different attitude however, as Akuso made a rally which was short-lived. Once more, the Spider proceeded to work on his man and after a wild mix-up, Akuso was victim of a heavy right which landed flush on his jaw.

Wolbly and dizzy, he floundered and ran into another flurry of breath-taking overhead smashes to jaw. He fell and took the count of six. But through inexperience or loss of mind, he arose instead of taking a nine count.

#### Referee Saves Akuso

The Spider was now on the war-path and sensing his kill, lambasted terrific smashes on the poor Sekondi champ. Rights and lefts landed rhythmically on Akuso's head and mid-section, but he was holding his own. He clinched and escaped a knock-out by sheer bravery and courage.

The last few seconds of the fight were more or less dramatic. After having taken more than enough, Akuso ran into another sizzling right which literally lifted him off his feet as he fell on the rope. The impact of the Spider's blow was so terriffic that the rope snapped.

Spider kept on his man, but there was no steam in his punches. Akuso was able to stand on his rubbery legs and take more than enough punishment, until the referee stepped in to save him from permanent injury.

The fight was awarded to the knock-out.

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