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piratical Tugeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea to the natives of the B-Irish possession. It would appear that the native police belonging to the resident magistrates of the western division, the Hon. C. G. Murray, met the Tugeri river, and fought them, capturing or sinking five canoes. No prisoners were taken, but it is estimated that about thirty of the Tugeri were shot or drowned. No casualties occurred among the Morehead. The Tugeri had raided the Morehead river villages again, killing fifteen, if not more, of the natives. The police found three heads in the canoes, which have since been identified as natives of New Guinea. Mr. Murray and the Dutch resident arrived three days after at the scene of the conflict. They Tugeri camps and one Tugeri canoe. They also saw fifteen headless bodies partially buried, belonging to the Tugeri Bio village, on the right bank of the village seventy miles up. The Tugeri, apparently escaped, taking with them two boys, one from Sama and the other from Tugeri Bio.

SUPPOSED TO BE PLAGUE. SYDNEY, Dec. 3.—A suspicious case of illness has been under observation from yesterday afternoon, the patient being a boy aged 9 years. The case is supposed to be plague, but definite results from the bacteriological examination will not be known till tomorrow. In the meantime the house has been isolated, and all precautions taken. The school which the boy recently attended will be quarantined tomorrow morning.

AUSTRALIAN BREVITIES. SYDNEY, Dec. 3.—The Premier, Sir William Lyne, introduced in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday a bill to amend the law relating to Sunday trading. The measure provides that any fruit, herbs or goods usually sold in refreshment shops may be sold on the Lord's Day in a shop if it is licensed. The license fee is fixed at 5s.

During a storm at Wango Creek, near Manila, on Friday afternoon a farm hand named Patrick Henneson, aged 25, was killed by lightning. A method of signalling for trains known as "Syke's block interlocking system" was brought into operation by the Railway Commissioners on Saturday on the railway between Petersham and Ashfield. If the system proves satisfactory it is probable that it will be extended throughout the whole of the suburban lines.

The Western Australian mint receipts for November were 63,376 ounces of gold, against 31,964 ounces for the corresponding month of last year. The sovereigns coined numbered 162,231, compared with 104,149 in November of last year.

The ceremony of unveiling the memorial stone of a Baptist church, which is being built at Burwood, was performed on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. William White. Mr. William Buckingham presided at the ceremony.

The sitting of the Legislative Assembly, which began at 10:30 a. m. on Friday, was continued through Friday night and Saturday. The second reading of the Temora to Wyalong railway Bill was agreed to by 49 votes to 20.

The Minister for Works, Mr. Sullivan, moved in committee that it is expedient that the Government enter into a contract for the supply of at least 100,000 tons of steel rails, to be manufactured in New South Wales, at a price not exceeding the cost in Great Britain or America with the usual freight and charges added. The motion was agreed to. The House at 10 p. m. on Saturday adjourned until 4:30 today.

During the week ended at noon on Saturday, 62,359 tons of coal were exported from Newcastle to places beyond the colony, as compared with 54,964 tons for the previous week, showing an increase of 8,395 tons. The shipments to intercolonial ports totalled 28,150 tons.

Mr. G. Musgrove's opera season was inaugurated at the Theater Royal on Saturday night, when "Il Trovatore" was successfully produced.

The first annual benevolent demonstration, under the auspices of the United Friendly Societies' Association of Newcastle district, was held on Saturday. The sum of nearly £200 was collected by lady canvassers.

In the Legislative Assembly on Saturday the Premier, Sir William Lyne, laid on the table of the House the correspondence that had passed between and Mr. Jamieson of the Blythe River from mines regarding the proposal to establish a steel rail factory in New South Wales.

The steamer India for London on Saturday took 29,999 sovereigns, shipped by the English, Scotch and Austro-Hon Charterers' bank, and bullion valued at £2,700 shipped by the Smelting Company of Australia.

A meeting of the procession and demonstration committee in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations was held on Saturday at Parliament House for the purpose of deciding as to the order in which the procession should be constituted.

It is stated that arrangements have been made for a conference between representatives of the Northern district colliery owners and the miners to consider the selling price of coal. The conference will commence at the Newcastle Hall of Commerce on Saturday next.

The Austral meeting of the Melbourne Bicycle Club was opened on Saturday on the Melbourne Cricket ground. About 12,000 persons were present. W. Martin started in nine heats, including finals, and won eight. In the five-mile race Martin finished third.

Business in the mining market on Saturday was extremely dull, the only feature being a general improvement in the values of Western Australian gold companies.

BRISBANE, Dec. 1.—An exhaustive inquiry is to be held by the Immigration Board into statements made concerning the last batch of immigrants by the Junna.

The polling at the Toowong by-election on Saturday resulted in the return of Mr. E. H. Macartney, the Ministerial candidate, by a majority of 124. The figures were: Lilly, 764; Macartney, 888.

From Mr. C. Gordon we (Townsville Star) learn that a cablegram received from Dr. R. L. Jack, dated from Mandalay, Burmah, states that he has been ordered to proceed to Corea, via Shanghai.

Mr. E. McDonnell has been selected as the fourth surveyor for British New Guinea.

Mr. G. K. Jopp has been appointed contract surgeon to the department in succession to the late Mr. R. J. Willock. The Immigration Board commenced

an inquiry on Monday into certain complaints made by the passengers of the Junna against the matron of that ship, and a good deal of sensational evidence was given.

Further cases of plague have occurred in Brisbane, one patient being a boy named Gault, aged 14, residing with his parents in Barley street, Spring Hill; the other a lamp-trimmer on the steamer Flinders.

His Honor Judge Cooper left by the Barcoo on Saturday for Bowen. He was the recipient on Thursday of the sad news that Mrs. Cooper's illness had taken a serious turn, and that she was scarcely expected to recover.

A prospector named P. Killane left Ebagoaloh some months ago and nothing had since been heard of him, but now remains have been found which lead to the supposition that the unfortunate man was killed and eaten by blacks.

St. Paul's School, at Samarai, the first school established in New Guinea for white children, was opened on the 16th inst by the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Leighton Earl Beauchamp, and the Bishop of New Guinea being also present.

The Government Resident at Palmerston reports that the blacks at Victoria have killed a man named Osborne, and eaten six of his horses. The Resident adds that the blacks are becoming very troublesome in that part of the Northern Territory.

Another stage has been reached in the supply of locomotives under contract by Messrs. Limited, of Maryborough. The last (the sixteenth) passenger engine has just been delivered. The whole of the goods engines ordered have been received by the department, and the firm are well under way with the twenty tank engine order.

In response to the Oxley Federal Workers' Political Organization's advertisements for nominations of a candidate to contest the Oxley division in the labor interest, but one nomination was received: that of Mr. Henry Turley, M.L.A. Mr. Turley was nominated by over 200 electors, and has expressed his willingness to contest the Oxley Federal seat.

By the Aramac the Cuiogoa Gold Mining Company shipped from Sydney a complete sliding plant for its mine on Woodlark Island, the assistant manager and engineer going in charge. The plant is expected to be in operation by January next, and will render the company independent of rainfall. Quantities of wash are already stacked ready for treatment.

TROPICAL MEDICINE. The opening address of the autumn session of the London School of Tropical Medicine was opened in London recently by Sir William Macgregor, the late Governor of New Guinea, who chose for his subject, "Some Problems of Tropical Medicine." Some of his remarks on the nature of the disease to be met with in the tropics are worth recording.

Of dysentery, he said there were few scourges that required such thorough and exhaustive study. The disease in its epidemic and contagious forms was unknown in British New Guinea half a score of years ago, but in recent years it had caused many deaths there. It began in Fiji with the advent of a European population, and led to considerable mortality among them, even before annexation. From the first introduction of the disease it was regarded as contagious. On large plantations and in native villages it took on at times a very malignant form. Instances occurred in which even 50 and 75 per cent of the population labored on an estate died of this disease which was new to them. From many observations it appeared that dysentery was made up of entirely different diseases, or of one disease that presented widely diverse stages. From his own personal experience he should say dysentery caused more deaths than any other disease in tropical countries. No other malady was so universally distributed and of such constant occurrence. Laveran said that the paludism certainly in plus repandue des maladies endemiques, and Manson said of malaria: "It is the great disease of the tropics." His experience was different. He had served in two countries where there was no malaria, never in one where people did not die of dysentery. The man that would work out an effective and practical means of dealing with contagious dysentery will be the greatest benefactor of the races living in the tropics. He might claim to be the savior of the Pacific Islands, the most lovable man of men now living. Dysentery was a destructive giant, compared to which strong drink was a mere phantom. To the tropical European, though perhaps not to the tropical native, the most important study was probably that of malarial fever, the investigation of which had already furnished us with some of the finest examples of human intelligence, perseverance, and observation. To his mind the parasitic cycle in malarial fever was proved by demonstration, and even in its present state of development the new doctrine of malarial fever was such that no conscientious administrator could take the responsibility of ignoring it. In the West African coast it must now be reckoned with at every step. Hospital management must be fundamentally affected by it, and the general public also must have the leading lines of malarial genesis put before them in a way they could understand. The steps to be taken for the abolition of malaria were all very obvious, and seemed very simple in theory, but he could not completely share the rosy optimism of their leaders and teachers in this matter. Malaria in the tropics was much more difficult to deal with than typhoid, rabies or smallpox here, and those were not yet vanquished. It was to be feared that in a country like Lagos, when all that could be done had been accomplished, the results might be disappointing. We long required to know how and why mental excitement, any considerable change of temperature upwards or downwards, whether caused by the sun, cold draughts, rain, or other agency, should bring on an access of fever long after possible infection, and in spite of long continued and large doses of quinine. In his own person an access of fever seemed to be sometimes caused by exposure to bright sunlight, without reference to temperature. In British New Guinea they never doubted that the horse and dog suffered from malaria, but this part of the problem seemed to be solved by the experiments of Koch, which showed that even the fewer parasites of man, and of the anthropoid apes were different, and not transferable from one to the other. Although the specific nature of the human parasite seemed thus proved, there was still open for investigation on the West Coast of Africa a cognate question of great social and economic importance—namely, that of the disease that made it so difficult to keep a horse alive in the forest country near the coast. This equine malady, or maladies, should be investigated, for two reasons. In the first place, it was of very great importance, and in the second, if medical men did not examine it, it was not probable that any other competent person would do so. Sir W. Macgregor proceeded to make some remarks on the occurrence of elephantiasis, phthisis, cancer, leprosy, trichinosis, and other diseases in the tropics, and concluded with some observations on the question of quarantine and the importance of proper examination of drinking water.

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