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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TROUBLES IN SAMOA

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In the month of October last year, six Europeans in Apia made up their minds to influence the Samoan natives (and a good many of them) to unite with them in resisting the administration and the Administrator.

They then disturbed the Samoan Natives by distributing lying reports against the Administrator and the administration. They have unfolded many untruths, and have collected from the natives (who did not have much money) funds for their own benefit, and it is on account of this organization that deposit money of several villages has been misused.

There was no law to punish Europeans who commit such offences and therefore the Administrator could not punish them. Yet the Administrator did punish some Samoans who circulated such falsehood. He also punished some chiefs who were Government officials for being disloyal to the Government for no man can serve two masters. The Administrator knew that if he would punish every Samoan that did wrong, the trouble will cease like other troubles that occurred previously; but then he would be punishing just the Samoans.

It was through his pity for the Samoans that the Administrator did not punish any more until the Law was issued enabling him to punish just the ring leaders of the trouble. The Administrator has been showing a lot of patience until he had seen the full intention of the agitators, and until he could judge the faithful from the unfaithful.

The Administrator knows all the Europeans that are loyal to him and who do not wish to be mixed up in native affairs, and that nearly all the Samoans are just as loyal, yet some of them have been misled by the sweet talks and false promises, having not the hearts to resist the attempts of some natives around Apia, and have yielded to the said attempts by signing their names to, and offering money for such wrongs.

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THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A visit to the Technical School under the control of A. R. Alexander shows what progress has been going on during the first year. Mr. Alexander under his directorship has quite a number of boys and youths making all kinds of furniture, such as wardrobes, tables, brackets, cupboards, book cases, chairs and other useful articles too numerous to mention. The work done by the pupils shows that their instructor is master of his trade. All the work completed well finished and jointed. The first work was the construction of necessary school material such as black-boards and easels. There is now under construction a few hundred rubber trays for the N. Z. Reparation Estates' plantations. Samoa is certainly fortunate in securing the services of such a versatile genius as Mr. A. R. Alexander for instructor.

Adjoining the carpenter's shop is a room devoted to teaching of plumbing, tin-smithing and metal work, under the control of Mr. James Penketh a man of wide experience who takes great interest in his work and pupils. He is teaching his pupils joint-wiping, soldering, and lead beating, also the manufacturing of small household tinware articles. Mr. Penketh, being employed all day at the P. W. D., devotes two nights per week voluntary service.

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R. L. S. DEBATE

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Argument was heard by Excellency, the Chairman, McCarthy, Broday as judges night. A chairman made in the chosen owing to of several of the Father Deihl to of Mr James, deb and Mr R. H. A. the place of Prof the argument in question. The side debate were: Brady, Ritchie, Wild; Against, Juward, Father De Ross and Dunwo

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The Administrator has read false reports distributed by the Committee. He had seen women and children wearing badges during the King's Birthday, showing by the colour of the badge that they have made up their minds to reject the Administrator and the administration, yet they did not understand the meaning of the colour of the badge. A fair number of males was also doing the same. It was only the Europeans who formed up the said idea, and a very small number of Samoans who understood what the badge was for.

The Administrator has been authorised by the New Zealand Government to enforce a law, thereby he can punish the Europeans who have stirred up troubles amongst the Samoans, yet he is delaying to operate on same. Wait until a Minister arrives to see for himself the amount of damage these six Europeans are trying to cause.

The Minister did arrive, then the Committee circulated more lies that they invited him to come to Samoa. The Minister did not come here on account of the Committee: He came on his own accord to pay a visit to the Administrator, Samoa and the Samoans, and to see how Samoa is progressing. He had seen the great improvement occurred in Samoa during the last few years, and the enormous damage done by the Committee which has brought that progress to a standstill.

After he had seen all this, the Minister cabled to the New Zealand Government asking them to accept the Administrator's wish and issue a law which will enable him to punish those who try to cause troubles amongst the Samoan natives.

The New Zealand Government sent reply that they have passed a law authorising the Administrator to deport any European who is not loyal to the Government, and who causes trouble by interfering with native affairs. Also that he, the Administrator can deport any of, or all of the Committee, should they not cease their dirty work of trying to mislead the people, repairing the harm that they have already done to the people of Samoa.

The Minister sent orders with his letter to the Administrator, that the said evil work must cease, and that the damage caused by the MAU must be repaired. The following people have been warned:—

- Mr O. F. Nelson,
- Mr S. H. Meredith,
- Mr E. W. Gurr,
- Mr A. G. Smyth,
- Mr A. Williams,
- Mr G. E. L. Westbrook.

also the small household tinware articles. Mr. Penketh, being employed all day at the P. W. D., devotes two nights per week voluntary service.

Mr. T. Hutton of the P. W. D. is also doing excellent work, by imparting sound instruction to those anxious to learn all branches of draughtmanship, of which subject he is an undoubted exponent.

Mr. Elford is also doing good work in the engineering class, and like Mr. Hutton and Mr. Penketh he renders his services voluntarily. He is assisted by Mr. Hufnagel-Betham who acts as interpreter.

I would also like to refer to the good work that is being accomplished in the Commercial classes, which are divided into two sections. The senior class under Mr. H. L. Halliday is both well attended and popular, the pupils receiving a very sound training which will certainly prove beneficial in their commercial efforts in life.

Mr. P. Wild is in charge of the junior class, consisting chiefly of native pupils who are desirous of gaining a knowledge of elementary book-keeping, and elementary correspondence. The work of both teachers is to be highly commended.

G. E. L. W.
Apia, July 7th, 1927.

On the 14th June, Lagolago and Faumuina were ordered before the Administrator and the Fono a Faipule. The Administrator gave them orders to disperse the people that they have brought together at Lepea and Apia, telling them the exact truth. They were also to repair the harm they had done by spreading lies against the administration and the Administrator.

The Administrator published orders to all Samoans to adhere to the said orders, and that if they would not do so, some persons may not be allowed to remain in Samoa any more,—those who have been interfering and causing troubles amongst the natives, taking their money from them for the purpose of building up praises for just a few, destroying the harmony and prosperity of the people.

His Excellency the Administrator, at the conclusion of the debate, made some interesting remarks on the subject, of which he is competent to enlarge. His lecture was greatly appreciated. Mr. Halliday pressed the great pleasure of the members with the presence of His Excellency amongst them that evening.

CHURCH NEWS

HIS LORDSHIP, THE BISHOP OF POLYNESIA, CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Morning service was held on Sunday 17th July at 9 o'clock in the rooms of "Samoan Planters Ltd." There was a large congregation of Europeans. After the service the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to over 40 communicants. Bishop Kempthorne delivered a sermon based on 14 chapters of John, vs. 8 and 9:

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us."
"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"

The Bishop commenced his sermon by referring to the spirit of anxiety and unrest in the community is suffering under at the present time. He would make no further reference to that condition. Anxiety and unrest was a prevailing condition in our domestic and religious lives. The path of life is not smooth. Some people exhibited their trouble, others appeared as if nothing marred the serenity of their lives but many of these carried a load of trouble within. They would not exhibit any sign of anxiety or pain, they would not confide in their neighbours. Hence there were divergencies. Philip asked, Shew us the