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EXPLORES FIJIAN ISLANDS.

Frank Burnett, of Vancouver, Canada, recently explored the romantic battle-grounds in the remote Fijian Islands. He is said to be the second man to study these ancient of the South Seas. For many years before they were discovered by Europeans, these small islands, Munia and Cikobi, lying off Loma Loma were inhabited by fierce and cannibalistic Metanesi-ans. Much of the history of the early tribes as well as that of the islands obtained by Mr. Burnett from the oldest Fijian on the island of Cikobia.

The Fijians, the explorer says, claim that the islands were originally governed by two gods. The tribes lived in peace for many years, but then, like Helen of Troy a native maiden jilted one chieftain's son to marry another and precipitated a great war. The fierce cannibal struggle resulted in the destruction of all the Munians and all but one-fourth of the Cikobians. After the battle the victors returned to their island but a blight seem to cast upon them. The population decreased until today the entire population is accommodated in one small village on Cikobia. Munia is now owned by an Englishman and is inhabited by himself and his family. Not a single descendant of the original Munians exists. The inhabitants of Cikobia, however, are Cikobian descendants.

Where the Munians had their fort 1000 feet above sea level, Mr. Burnett says, the trenches are still visible and some of the house walls and foundations can be found. Perfect skulls and other bones of the ancient cannibals are numerous. The explorer states that these tribes have great fear of their gods who are supposed

ed to still watch over the islands. He says that he stirred in the ground a little with a stick and five days later the worst hurricane in the last 35 years swept over the islands. This is what an old Fijian predicted when the stirring was being done.—*The Pathfinder.*

MOVIE STUDIOS AS SILVER MINES.

Each year movie studios at Los Angeles ship over 154,000 ounces of silver to a smelting plant at San Francisco. All movie film is coated with a compound containing silver. Thousands of feet of film are used daily and much is wasted. Each day many feet of old film are returned. This discarded material is burned for the ashes which contain silver bromide. This "ore" is shipped to the smelter where it is mixed with fresh silver from the mines and so reduced to bullion.—*Ibid.*

NOTICE.

FROM THURSDAY 12TH INST., a portion of the Center Line,—The "bend" around La Reine—will be temporarily closed to Public-traffic, during the construction of a culvert across the roadway. The traffic will, in the meantime, make a slight detour through a "range" in the adjoining canefield—near the two White Pillars—coming out on the line between Barren Spot and Clifton Hill, near road leading north, between Slob and La Reine. Fences will be placed at both ends, with notices painted on them; red lights being hung at nights.

EDGAR W. MEYER,
Chairman Road Commission.

St. Croix, V. I.,
June 9th, 1924.

Notice.

DURING my absence from the Island for a period of about 5 months Miss K. DREWES is authorized to receive and give legal receipt for all moneys due or becoming due to me personally or as agent, or attorney to other parties, or as executor or administrator in any estate, administered by me.

Christiansted, St. Croix, June 7th 1924.
A. E. STAKEMANN.

Just Received From Denmark

AN ASSORTMENT OF
**Chocolate Bonbons and
Conserves.**

H. BOJE, JEAN PETERSEN,
Christiansted. Frederiksted.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend GEORGE L. J. SCHNEIDER, C. SS. R., to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands
of the United States, St. Thomas,
2 June, 1924.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

Fresh Arrivals At The Underground Store.

Evap. Pears & Apricots at 25cts.
per lb.

Prunes, Raisins & Currants, Citron,
Large and small Sugared Almonds.

Sperry & Barnes Hams,
SLICED DRIED BEEF,

CORN BEEF HASH,
SWEET CORN,

TOMATOES and
PEARS in small cans

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. GUIANA

is expected to leave New York on 19th inst., and is due at Frederiksted on or about 26th inst. proceeding to Windward Islands, accept freight and passengers.

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