### HERE IS AN OBJECT LESSON ON TARIFF

National Republic Points Out Rare Animal from Dutch East How Copper on Free List Injures Business

tariff, says the National Republic:

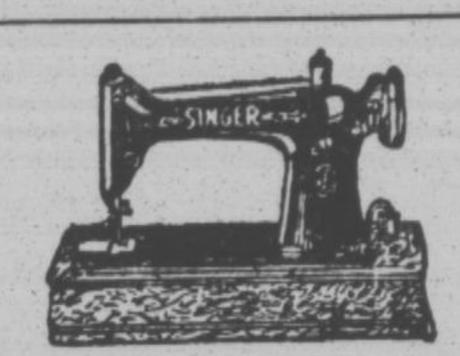
our national needs.

country made investments in copper mines in South America and Africa, the South Pacific for Field Museum. where, because labor and water transportation are cheaper, they proceeded cagoan, now of Santa Barbara, Calif., fluence to keep copper on the free list. Barbara, was co-leader. The Komodo copper interests for this program that of lizard, and are found only on the Senator Cameron of Arizona was de- island of Komodo and its neighbor, cause he fought for a tariff on copper in the interests of the independent not stand up against foreign competition introduced by the copper combine.

"Hoist by Oron Petard"

But now the big American copper interests are "hoist by their own petard." British-Belgian copper interests have developed mines in the Belgian Songo which can produce copper at a cost of four and a half cents a pound. They pay unskilled laborers from \$1.46 to \$7.20 a month. Their deposits in the Katanga mines are the richest in the world. Copper cannot be produced in American mines for Copper is now selling at nine and a quarter cents a pound. This copper can enter the American market duty advantage of cheaper water carriage than the North or South American output.

And so the big American copper interests find they have cut the throats not only of American labor but of of American big business which have thought to enjoy the benefits of the American market through low tariffs or no tariffs, and displace American well-paid labor with foreign cheap labor are going to have in due time the same experience. They will then wonder why they made the vast investment which was necessary for their recent anti-tariff campaign in which they managed to convince millions of Americans that the "big interests" favored rather than opposed adequate protective tariffs.



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# DRAGON LIZARD IS

Indies Shown; Specimen Hard to Get

Here's a little object lesson in the An exhibit of the rare giant dragonlizard of Komodo (Dutch East Indies) The United States consumes about was placed on view at Field Museum 70 per cent of all the copper used of Natural History today, it is anin the world. We have enough cop- nounced by Stephen C. Simms, direcper in American mines to supply all tor of the museum. The exhibit was prepared from one of the specimens The biggest copper interests of the collected, after much difficulty, by the recent Chancellor-Stuart Expedition to

Philip M. Chancellor, former Chito manufacture for American needs. financed and led the expedition. Nor-At the same time they used their in- ton Stuart, naturalist, also of Santa So strong were our internationalized lizards are the largest extant species feated for re-election through the in- Flores, which are in the Lesser Sunda tervention of the "copper trust" be- group of islands. These gigantic lizards first became known to Europeans through native reports of a "land crocopper miners of his state, who could codile" of which Malay hunters were mortally afraid, according to Karl P. Schmidt, assistant curator of reptiles. Exaggerated in transmission, these reports gave rise to stories of gigantic lizards 25 to 30 feet long which could swallow a man at a single gulp.

### First Time Seen

The animal which gave rise to these stories was for the first time actually seen by white men when a specimen was captured in 1912. It now appears, declares Mr. Schmidt, that the maximum size reached is about 10 feet, but nevertheless it is by far the largest of existing lizards. It has a less than from 10 to 11 cents a pound, powerful bulky body, a large head, strong limbs, and a relatively short tail. It is closely allied to the monitor lizards which range from Africa free; in European markets it has the to Australia, and of which an extinct species occurring in Australia as late as the ice age equalled or exceeded the Komodo lizard in size. Somewhat more remotely but still directly related to the monitors were the gigantheir own enterprise. Other branches tic sea lizards of the age of reptiles, remains of which appear, with a restoration, in the museum's historical geology collections.

### Preys on Small Game

The giant lizard of Komodo preys upon the small game of the island, and is no doubt able to attack successfully the abundant wild pigs and deer. It also habitually feeds upon carrion, cleaning up skeletons of buffalo and boar as a hyena does.

The Chancellor-Stuart expedition collected two fine examples of the lizard for the museum. From one of these a reproduction has been made by Leon L. Walters of the museum's taxidermy staff, inventor of a special process for making in cellulose acetate lifelike exhibits of reptiles and similar animals. By this method of preparation more lifelike results are obtained than is possible by mounting the original skin of animals of this type. The skin, however, plays an important part in the creation of the reproduction.



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