

Interior Rhodesia is
A Land of Great Wealth,
But Marred by Tsetse Fly

AFRICA, not so long ago regarded for the most part as a "reservoir of the world's most daring explorers," now engages the attention of the world because of its natural resources and its industrial possibilities.

Interior Rhodesia must be traversed by native carriers over mountains, through primeval forest, across rivers, through almost impenetrable jungle and underbrush, in peril from elephants, lions, leopards, hyenas, serpents, the tsetse fly, wild men as well as wild beasts. Each carrier has a mail bag of 50 pounds. On an average carriers make 25 miles a day, and even on runs of 600 miles, from Broken Hill to Abercorn, they are seldom more than an hour behind schedule time and generally only half that. They make better time in the wet season than in the dry, as in the wet they travel in bare feet, while in the dry the earth is baked, the ground is hot like "The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," and they are compelled to wear sandals.

There is one great drawback to the wet; no material has yet been produced that can resist African rain. It laughs at the average rubberized fabrics. One of the few partly successful materials is a peculiarly woven canvas made in England, and even when mail bags of this material are opened, the contents are simply pulp—valueless, and frequently undependable. High grade paper, such as that used in the Geographic, and in fact any glazed paper, suffers most; why, I do not know. I suppose it is the combination of heat and water.

The Abercorn run is wonderful in many peculiar ways: Past Chitambo, where Livingstone died, through the marshy region and lake of Bangweolo, across notable rivers like Malambo, Lumbatwa, Mwinekashi, Luansenshi and lovely Chambesi, Luculu and fourteen others of wondrous scenery, through the countries of the Watusi, Wanga, the warlike Awemba, the agricultural Awiya, the Wiumwanga (tobacco growers) and many other tribes, across the great Tanganyika Plateau and lake, through the forests of thousands of acres of rubber trees and the wonderful rubber vines whose roots can supply the world, and last reach the border of what was formerly German East Africa.

The plunge of Victoria Falls on the Zambesi is three times that of our Niagara, the roar is heard for 13 miles, and the column of vapor is miles high. In the distance the Mashonaland and Matabeleland, its name means the water that smokes.

From Kasempa to Livingstone (Victoria Falls), is 589 miles, from Livingstone to Bulawayo, 290, and from Kasempa to Cape Town, 2,290 miles. The fauna of Rhodesia is wonderful—think of 17 kinds of antelopes!

As for area, Northeastern Rhodesia contains almost 60,000 square miles, and it is only one of three divisions. What a memorial to Cecil Rhodes, the empire builder. For barbaric splendor, nothing like his funeral was ever seen. To use a phrase that amuses the English, it "laid out" Napoleon's, as described by Thackeray. When my cousin starts on the semi-annual "ulendo" (trip) around his district, the scene at every African village is equal to the arrival of Barnum and Bailey. This entourage is made up of native soldiers, carriers, runners, telegraphers, typists, secretaries, tent setters, flag raisers, band, household servants (40) and I forgot what else.

Although the tsetse fly is an abominable pest, it takes second place as a destroyer of property value, to our American pest, the boll weevil. A singular peculiarity of the first-named consists in its habit of biting human beings, horses and oxen at the feet.

When animals are shipped from Cape Town to North Rhodesia, the shipping is done at night, because, unlike the mosquito, the tsetse fly works only in the day time. It prefers to work on the legs, and in the case of horses, these are done up in paraffin and cloth. It should be understood that this foe to man and beast is confined to certain districts.

Red Deer in New Zealand.

Some forty years ago red deer were imported into New Zealand from England and it was found that the conditions of the adopted home of these animals caused them to increase in numbers very rapidly and also caused them to show a marked physical improvement, says an exchange.

The antlers on New Zealand bucks of the red deer are the finest found in any country.

Most of the deer hunting is done by night stalking, and because of the wild nature of the country the sport often becomes very strenuous as well as exciting.

The deer are so numerous in easily accessible districts that the maximum allotments are almost certain to be obtained by any hunter of reasonable ability and enthusiasm.

This sport is indulged in chiefly during the months of March, April and May, and fees for hunting licenses run from \$5 to \$50 according to the districts.

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The prevailing unsettled conditions of affairs will doubtless continue for some time to come; still, there is no reason why we all should not strive our utmost to overcome, as far as it lies in our power, some of the difficulties which confront us.

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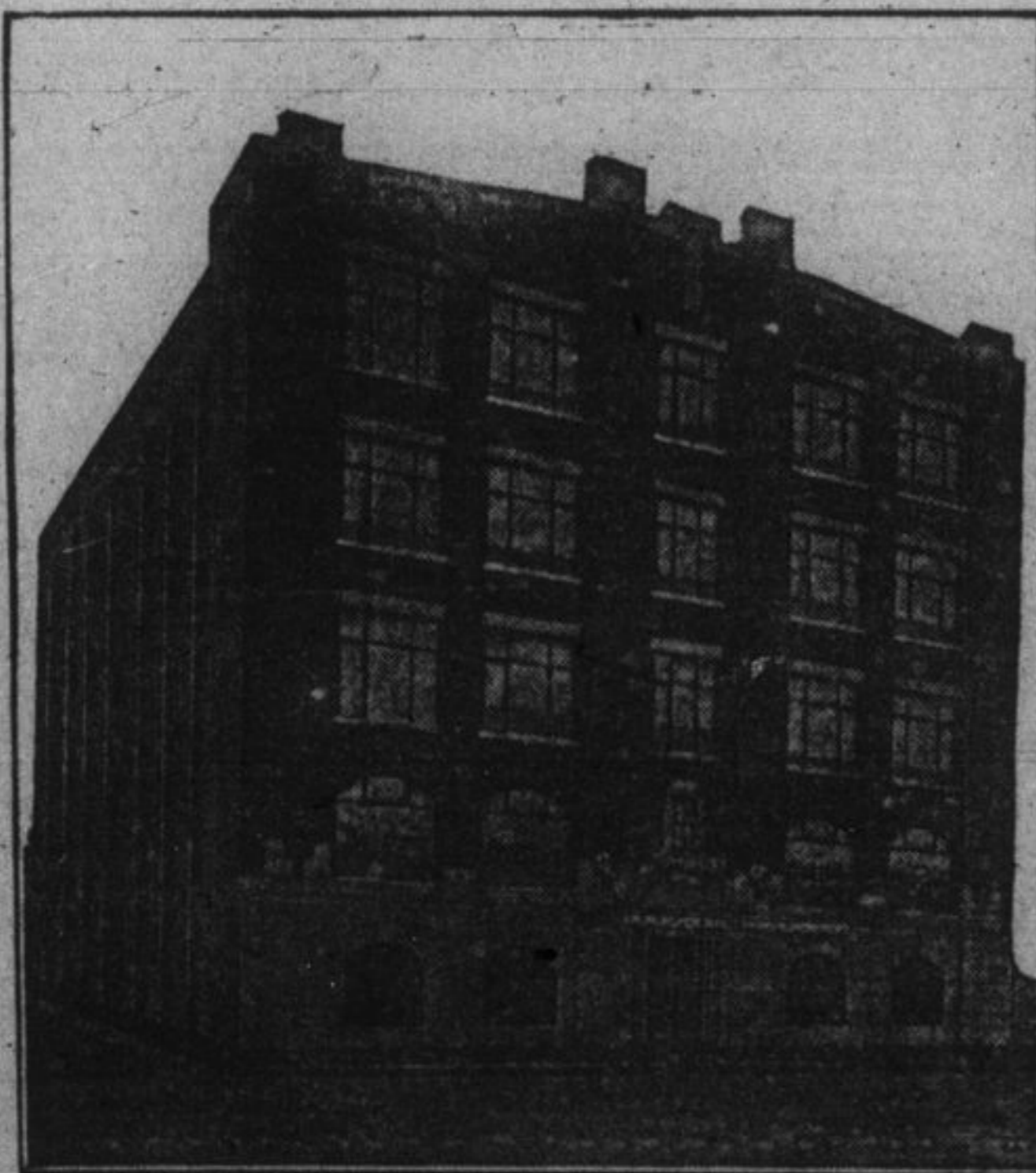
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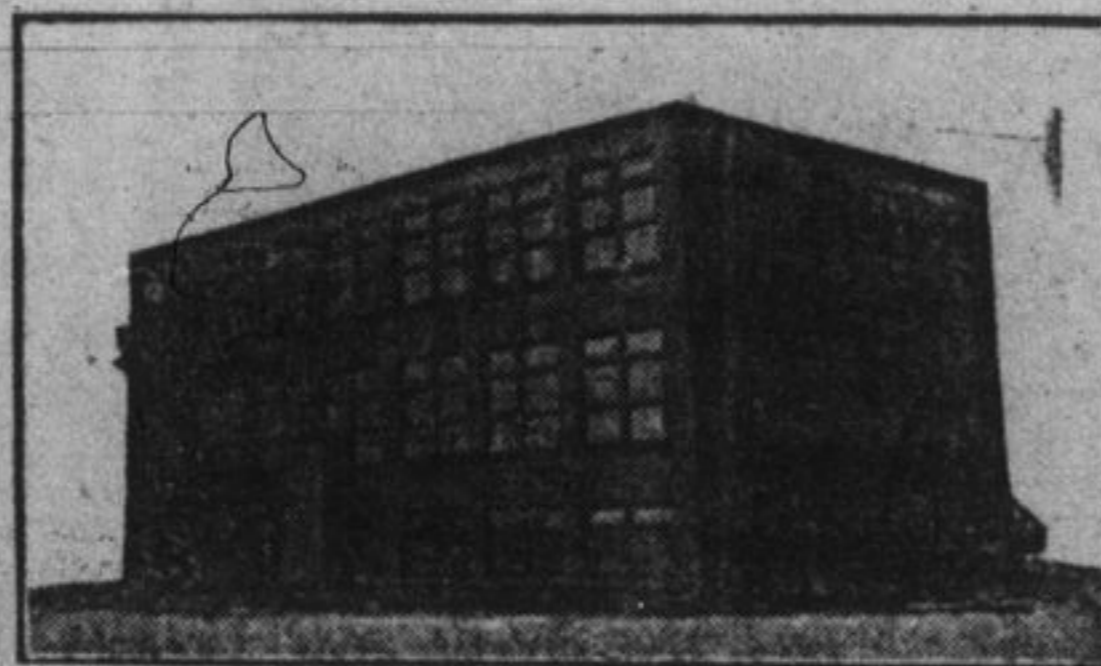
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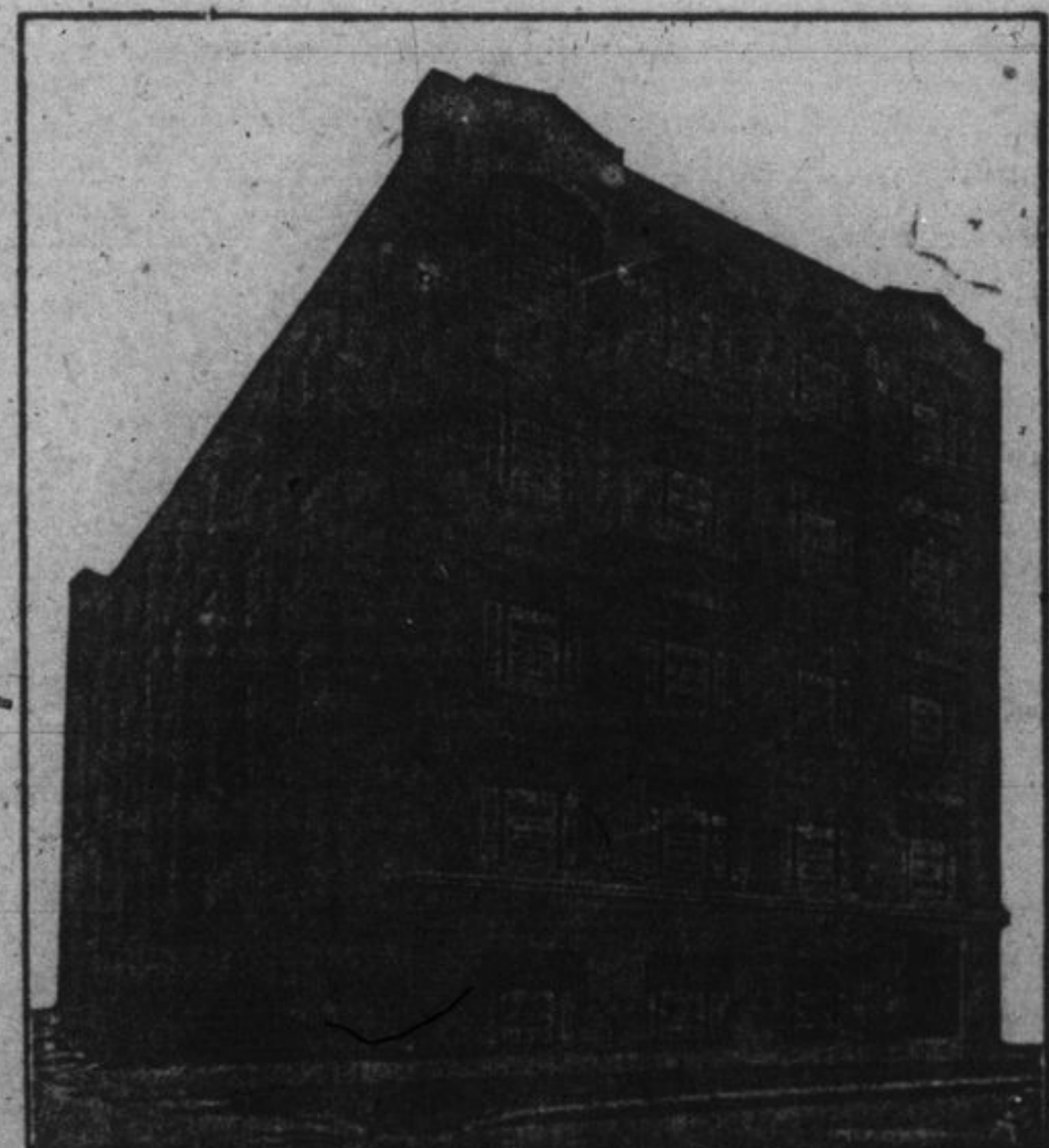
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Miss Marcella A. Rutherford, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Rutherford, Brockville, and Thomas Bruce, eldest son of T. M. Bruce, Prescott, were married on Tuesday.

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