

different question which requires to be carefully considered. Just let me read one or two descriptions, because I am not sure that this is always realized. This, for instance, is from a description given to us this year as to the treatment of carriers in German East Africa :

‘The treatment of carriers lately by the Germans has been terrible ; their carriers include our Indian soldier prisoners of war, and many wretched villagers, young boys, old men and women—in fact, they catch those who cannot run away. They chain them together and just work them until they die of starvation and exhaustion. In following upon Wahle’s track from Walangali to Lapembe we kept finding dead and dying carriers. Nor after an action do they trouble any more about their wounded Askari, but just leave them to die.’

That is not the only case. I have here the admission of the state of things in German East Africa. I will not read it. It is very little different from what I have read. That is not the only thing. That is not anything new. That has always been the way the Germans have treated the natives. I will not weary the House with many quotations, but let me just read one more. This is one from a report made in 1909, long before the war, with regard to German South-West Africa.

‘The great aim of German policy in German South-West Africa as regards the native, is to reduce him to a state of serfdom, and, where he resists, to destroy him altogether. The native, to the German, is a baboon and nothing more. The war against the Hereros, conducted by General Trotha, was one of extermination ; hundreds—men, women and children—were driven into desert country, where death from thirst was their end ; those left over are now in great locations near Windhuk, where they eke out a miserable existence ; labour is forced upon them and, naturally, unwillingly performed.

‘Again with the Hottentots—their treatment is still more barbarous, as the Germans are fully determined to root out that race, lock, stock and barrel. As one example of their treatment, I will quote what happened during the war on Shark Island. This small island was divided across by high