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This is something of the war effort from the Gold Coast of West Africa --- manufacture of soap from cocoa beans: something of a surprise item for our American visitors who think we make our coffee from soap. Unfortunately it all looks rather a mess, but so do most processes of manufacture at some stage or the other and anyway you don't have to eat it. There's no point in going into a long description of what they're doing and how it's done because you're never likely to get enough cocoa beans to do it at home, but it's nice to see that the war effort is being pushed ahead even in these remote corners of our Empire.

Now across to

~~His Excellency the Governor arrives at the Cathedral in~~  
the East African protectorate of Uganda; ~~while~~ the Bishop waits upon the steps, <sup>& His Excellency the Governor arrives at the Cathedral.</sup> Apparently a big occasion and so it is --- the coming of age of His Highness the Kabaka Mutesa. He is a Christian king and he succeeded his father in 1939 which you'll agree was a hell of a time to become king of anywhere. The Protectorate is under direct administration by Great Britain, although the actual government is mainly left to the king and his ministers. The native population is somewhere between three and four millions, including pygmies who for the purposes of a census count as a whole one.

Now to Kenya --- further east from Uganda. A party of East African troops paid a visit of inspection to warships at anchor. Also a party of <sup>Kikuyu</sup> Chiefs. They had never seen a warship before and their surprise was only equalled by that of the crew who had never seen them before.