

parties collecting seeds. I got about one large gunny bag full of perfect seed; this is enough to start a plantation. Coming back from the jungle we found that a tiger had followed our footsteps for several miles, - absolutely fresh tracks. It made me rather uneasy, as we had to pass through dense jungle thicket, and in my imagination I saw it lurking in every dark spot. I was glad when I struck the village again. Up in the jungle we met a bear with cubs. The natives shouted and drove it away, leaving one young behind. This the natives brought down, and I amused myself tonight feeding it with condensed milk. Well, the Hydnocarpus seed hunt is over, and I am glad."

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"Early this morning a little boy about five years old came to this village from an outlying place, about a fourth of a mile distant, and reported that a tiger had carried off some women. I immediately went with about 30 men and found two women lying on the edge of a paddy field, stone-dead; a little girl two years old had been carried away by the tiger. One woman, still alive, was lying near the hut badly wounded. The little boy who came with the news was the only other survivor. The tiger had pushed him into the fire and his knee was burned severely. All this happened at dawn, so the little boy said.

"This was a terrible thing to me because the husbands of the dead women had been with me kalaw-seed hunting, - and for some reason or other they stayed in this village, although there remained plenty of time for them to return, as it was only four in the afternoon when I dismissed them all. We had the woman carried to the village and I did the best I could for her wound.

"The tiger is said to be the same which followed us into the jungle. I wrote a letter to the police at Mawleik, some four days' journey. Meantime, against my better judgment, the natives and I are going on a search for the tiger. I advised them not to go, as the child who was carried away is of course dead, and we have no weapons except my Colt.

"This kalaw seed hunt has cost three lives and may cost one more. I hope to get away tomorrow and will take the wounded woman with me to Mawleik, trusting that she can stand the journey. (The woman died in the Mawleik hospital; and the tiger was later caught in a trap.)"