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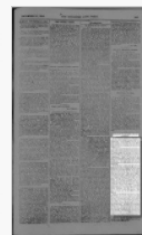
### MAN-EATER KILLED AT ULU LANGAT.

Mr H. S. Sircom writing to the "Malay Mail" about the recent killing of a tiger in the above district, says: — On the morning of the 7th inst., three Chinese wood-cutters left their kongsi home, situated at the ninth mile, Ayer Hitam Road, 13½ miles from Kajang, and went into the jungle to work.

At 8 a.m., at a point about 1½ miles from the road, a tiger sprang out behind them, and one of them hit him on the head with a backward stroke of a parang, laying bare the bone of the skull, as afterwards appeared. The tiger did not at that time seize any of the men, who went on to their usual working-places. About 11.30 am one of them who was sawing alone in a small clearing, a mile further in, was killed by the tiger, and his body carried away. The tracks showed that the tiger had systematically hunted up his man along the jungle path.

On the 8th inst a search party from Kajang went out, the body was found, and Mr Hay set a spring gun, the report of which was heard at the kongsi house soon after midnight. On the morning of the 9th inst the spot was visited again blood was seen, and the signs of a tremendous leap made by the tiger. A few yards away he was found dead with a wound in his flank. He was brought to Kajang the same night, and on being measured, was found to be 8ft. 8 in. in length. In the process of skinning, two cuts were found on one of the hind legs, and it seems possible that they were the cuts which a Bangi wood-cutter stated he had inflicted on a tiger with an axe, a month or two ago. A spherical leaden bullet, of a home-made appearance, was

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found underneath the skin in the chest, but no signs of its entry were apparent. The skin has been sent to the Kuala Lumpur Museum.

In face of the difficulty experienced in fixing the identity of a man-eater, since it is not often that a proposed victim can make his mark with an axe or a parang, and "pugs" are deceptive, the chief factor in the determination of the question whether one or more are at work, must be the mortality return after the death of an undoubted man-eater. In support of the one-tiger theory of the deaths of this year may be adduced the facts that nothing in the time and places of the kills is inconsistent with that view, and that, if we take into consideration the man-eater's reputed persistence in man-eating, the number of victims is so small as to preclude the probability of their having fallen to more than one animal.

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