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PHOTOGRAPH BY COLONEL VICTOR BROOKE.



A RHINOCEROS HUNT IN FULL SWING: THE "GUNS" AND THE BEATERS AT WORK IN THE JUNGLE.

The official programme of the arrangements for the King-Emperor's visit to India set it out that his Imperial Majesty should have some big-game shooting in Nepal, where he arrived on December 18. Two shooting camps were specially arranged in the jungles, one at Sukimur, which is some thirty miles from the British frontier, and another at Kasra, seven miles from the first. The road to these camps, which is a clearing through the forest, was turned into a

good motor-track. It passes through rhinoceros and tiger jungles, winding through the royal preserve of Nepal. It need scarcely be said that most elaborate preparations were made that the King's trip should be a pleasure and a success. Promise of sport was always first-rate, for the district provides not only many rhinoceros, which may only be shot with the permission of the State, but numerous tigers, wild elephants, marsh deer, sambur and wild boar.—

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1. ON THE EDGE OF THE "RABBIT-RIDE," TRODDEN DOWN BY TWENTY OR THIRTY ELEPHANTS SPECIALLY EMPLOYED FOR THE PURPOSE: THE "GUNS" AWAITING A RHINOCEROS BY THE SIDE OF THE CLEARING.

Continued.—To quote Reuter: "Six hundred shooting-elephants have been collected, and the Nepalese shikaris are most skilful in finding the whereabouts of a tiger. The spot is then cleverly ringed by hundreds of elephants, which gradually converge, and the royal elephant is posted. A few of the best fighting-elephants then advance on the tiger and drive him out, in order that he may show himself to the King. . . . The usual method of shooting rhinoceros is for the

2. THE BEATERS DURING A RHINOCEROS HUNT: THE SHOOTING-ELEPHANTS ENDEAVOURING TO DRIVE THE QUARRY TOWARDS THE "GUNS."

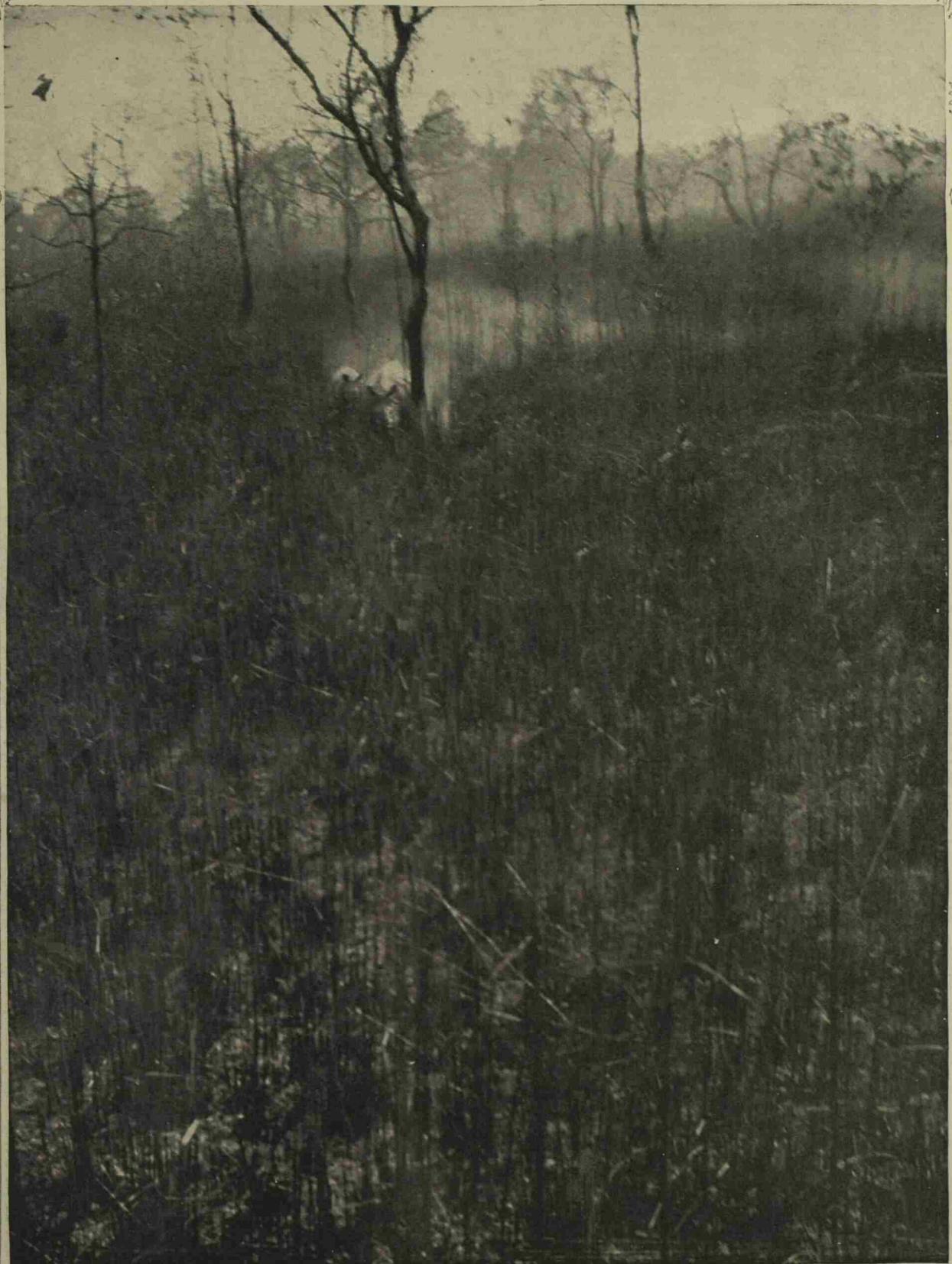
3. A KILL: AFTER THE BAGGING OF A TIGER

gun to go on a very staunch elephant by the side of a single tracking-elephant. When the track of a big bull is found, a tracker on a small clever elephant hangs head downwards from the elephant's head close to the ground, and thus directs the tracking-elephant until the rhinoceros is overtaken. Then comes the real difficulty of delivering a fatal shot in the neck or head."

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PHOTOGRAPHED FROM AN ELEPHANT WHICH WAS CHARGING THE CHARGING QUARRY: A RHINOCEROS, FOLLOWED BY HER CALF, MAKING A FRANTIC RUSH TOWARDS THE "GUNS."

Continued.—The Nepalese shikaris and coolies set the highest value on the blood of the rhinoceros, and not a drop is allowed to be wasted. With regard to the photograph shown on this page it should be said that the circumstances under which it was made were unique. It was taken through very long grass, which accounts for the somewhat blurred effect, at a range of some forty or fifty yards, as a rhinoceros was charging towards the "gun" with the

camera. The fact that the rhinoceros had a calf with her made her very savage. Colonel Brooke tried to head her back towards other guns, but she refused to be turned. He then got this snapshot, and at the same moment the elephant he was riding charged furiously to meet the charge of the rhinoceros. This photograph, and those on the other pages, were taken, not in India, but in Burma; they show, however, the type of sport practised by the King-Emperor in India.