

smooth, in profile considerably higher than long; *gaster* oblong, oval, broader than thorax, first segment broader than those following, sparsely punctured, constriction between first and second segments well marked, second segment more sparsely punctured than first.

*Long.* 6 mm., with mandibles 6.5 mm.

Described from a single worker: "Port Vila, Efate Is., New Hebrides, August, 1900, J. J. W." "New Hebrides, J. J. Walker: 1904—168."

Type in B.M. (N.H.).

I have much pleasure in naming this ant in honour of my old friend the late Commander J. J. Walker, R.N.

This species appears to come nearest to *L. foreli* Mann, from the Solomons, but differs from it in colour and sculpture; also the head and thorax are not subopaque, but shining, etc. Emery, in the 'Genera Insectorum,' states that no species of *Leptogenys*, sens. str., occurs in Australia, but Forel described a large species, *L. sjöstedti*, from Queensland, in 1915, and Wheeler found another large species, *L. clarki* Wheeler, in Western Australia in 1931.

Species have been described from this part of the world from Engano Island, near Sumatra; Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea; New Britain; the Solomons; and Hawaii.

*Leptogenys (Lobopelta) violacea*, sp. n.

♂.—Of a beautiful violet colour with coppery reflections, apex of clypeus, last ten joints of funiculus, last four joints of tarsi, articulations of antennæ and legs, trochanters, spurs, and sting reddish yellow. Body shining, clothed with a few outstanding yellow hairs which are longer towards apex of gaster.

*Head* finely longitudinally striate throughout, subquadrate, slightly broader in front, measuring from apex of clypeus to base of head about as long as broad, posterior angles rounded, posterior border truncate, narrowly margined; *mandibles* large, triangular, crossing at apex, no space in front of clypeus, armed with a strong pointed tooth at apex, masticatory border unarmed, finely striate, with a row of rather widely separated punctures along masticatory and inner borders; *clypeus* large, triangular, transverse, projecting in a blunt round point anteriorly;