

frontal carinæ short, flat; *antennæ* 12-jointed; *scape* reaching beyond posterior border of head by about $\frac{1}{4}$ of its length; *funiculus* pubescent, gradually thickened to apex, second joint longer than first and third, joints 3-10 subequal, last joint pointed, about as long as the two preceding taken together; *eyes* round-oval, very slightly convex. *Thorax* longer than broad, contracted at mesonotum, broadest across disc of pronotum, the whole dorsal surface is practically smooth and shining; under a high power very fine longitudinally striæ may be seen and some small scattered punctures; the sides of the mesothorax are transversely striate anteriorly and very finely longitudinally striate posteriorly, those of the epinotum are strongly longitudinally striate anteriorly, smooth in centre, and transversely striate posteriorly. *pronotum* provided with a neck, the anterior portion of which is very finely and closely transversely striate, forming a small diamond pattern, the posterior portion deeply and widely transversely striate, disc convex, rounded at sides, with a shallow central furrow; *promesonotal suture* narrow, margined; *mesonotum* round, convex; *meso-epinotal suture* shallow but distinct, longitudinally striate; *epinotum* long, high and convex before declivity, dorsal surface about twice as long as the latter, epinotal angle rounded but distinct, declivity flat, transversely striate. *Node* of *petiole* high, rather thick, smooth and shining, with a few small scattered shallow punctures, rounded above, considerably higher than long or broad, anterior surface slightly convex, posterior surface slightly concave; *gaster* long-oval, considerably narrowed at apex, smooth and shining, with a very few larger and smaller scattered punctures, constriction between first and second segments well marked; *sting* long, curved, sharply pointed.

Long. 9.5 mm.

Described from eight workers taken by Miss L. E. Cheesman, Dutch New Guinea, Waigeu, Camp Nok, 2500 ft., May, 1938, Tubé 38. "Nest inside rotten stump in old beetle burrows, heaps of frass below each entrance."

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

This beautiful species comes nearest to *Leptogenys* (*Lobopelta*) *purpurea* Emery and *L. (L.) chalybæa* Emery,