

THE FALL OF A KING.

A New Account of the Last Days of Africa's Most Powerful Ruler.

MSIRI LOST HIS MIND

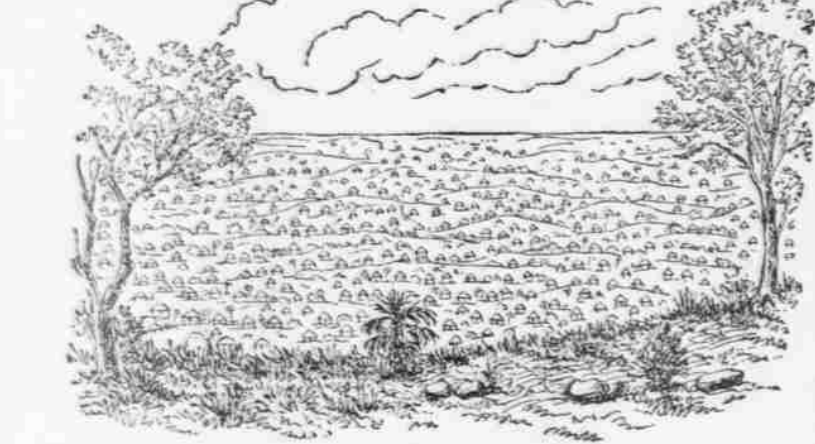
And Changed From an Enlightened Sovereign to a Tyrant.

HE MET DEATH AS A TRAITOR.

During His Early Rule He Gave Women Equal Political Rights.

THE DISMEMBERMENT OF HIS EMPIRE

Written for the Dispatch. In the last month of 1891 the most famous and powerful ruler in Central Africa was shot by a white man, and Garengeze, who had consolidated into a powerful kingdom, was shattered and broken.



A PART OF MUKURU AS SEEN FROM ANNOT'S COTTAGE.

Had given him ascendancy over hundreds of chiefs, he and his kingdom would not have been doomed, for the whites would gladly have made him their ally. He chose in his last months to treat them with treachery, and he was trying to kill a white man who had been sent to him when a bullet pierced his heart.

Made Her to a King.

The aged ruler made the young man his heir, and not long after, upon the death of Sangha, the young foreigner became the ruler of Sangha, or Garengeze. Then Msiri conceived the idea of making the Sangha people the nucleus of a great kingdom.

What a Missionary Found Him.

So he went on conquering tribe after tribe, until his country extended from the hills dividing the Zambezi and the Congo rivers south to the Upemba and Moero lakes on the north, and covered all the country between the Luapula and Luabala headwaters of the Congo.

His Policy Toward Women.

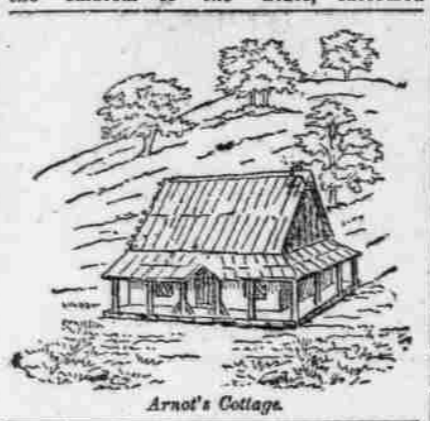
If the Congo Free State had known of the existence of the powerful empire when the State was formed, in all probability it would not have been included within the State's domain; for the policy of King Leopold and his advisers was to leave outside the State the powerful native rulers who were likely to give trouble.

English missionaries in Garengeze, has just published in the organ of his missionary society, an account of the old King's latest years and of the disintegration of the empire he had consolidated.

His people grew rapidly to hate him on account of his relentless and colossal cruelty. For many years he had been kind to his subjects. Even the tribes whom he had conquered and upon whom he had inflicted great cruelty until he thoroughly subjugated them, were won by his subsequent justice and kindness to give him loyal obedience.

The first of King Leopold's envoys to reach Garengeze was Lieutenant Le Marinel, and up to the end of last year he had been a humble trader, became the most despotic and feared of all African rulers, reads like a romance.

"They are English, do you hear, sons of the dust?" he shouted to a crowd of his people, "and we know the English to be a true people." The white men were invited to hasten on to the capital.



Annot's Cottage.

The King in the future he must obey the white men, and that no more skulls would be permitted to hang from the walls of the town. The King sent back the messengers with the answer that he would continue to kill as many people as he pleased, and show their heads as trophies.

The Death of the King.

Stairs sent four of the head men of his expedition to Msiri, but they did not return. Captain Bodson, accompanied by six Zanzibaris, was then sent to see the King, provided he would consent to come out of his stockade with only a small escort.

Miri's great kingdom at once fell to pieces.

His son, Mukundannu, a young man of considerable influence, was appointed by Stairs to the chieftainship of a restricted district. The minor chiefs who were in control of small districts, came to the capital and accepted the flag of the State.

distrious, and now that the Congo Free State has relieved them from the tyranny of their old King, it is hoped that peace and comfort will rapidly be restored, and that this great region will become, as it deserves to be, one of the most prosperous portions of the Free State.

ANALYZING AN AROMA.

The Flavor of the Woodruff Chemically Examined by Specialists.

Several chemists have recently spent much time in examining the aroma of the woodruff or the German "Waldmeister," which lends such an aromatic bouquet to Rhine wine, and is the flavor par excellence for the annual May wine.

A short time ago Dr. Hans Molisch discovered coumarin also in the American woodruff, the Agrostis mexicana siliqua, which is found all over this country. This plant exhales no coumarin aroma while in fresh condition, but it is strongly apparent as soon as it is pulled from the earth and allowed to dry.

FORMER OUTLET OF THE LAKES.

Prof. Wright, of Oberlin College, Says It Is Through the Ottawa River.

Prof. George Frederick Wright, of Oberlin College, claims to have discovered a former outlet of the great lakes by way of the Ottawa river. The outlet is in a low pass in the Canadian highlands leading from Lake Nipissing, which is only about 70 feet above Lake Huron, into the Mattawan river, a tributary of the Ottawa.

The material of it was coarse, consisting of thousands of boulders from one to ten feet in diameter. So great was the force of the current down the Mattawan that it pushed a bar of this coarse material entirely across to Ottawa, so as to make a slack-water navigation for some distance above.

Couldn't See a Sea Serpent.

There was a captain of a cutter once who was called on to the bridge by his first officer to see a supposed sea serpent. "Sir," said he, "I once knew a man who saw one and put his name to a document to that effect. He was a captain, too, and when he came into harbor his employers dismissed him, because they said they couldn't have a skipper who got so drunk as that.

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THE NAVAL BATTALION.

A Company to Be Organized Here and Another One at Erie.

Pennsylvania will have a naval battalion. There are now two companies of the battalion in Philadelphia, and it is proposed to organize two more companies—one in this city and one in Erie, these two cities being ports of entry and having sufficient water in which to drill the companies.

Gossip of the Guard.

The annual report of the Adjutant General is expected this week. The Guard will encamp in Chicago next summer. The encampment will be by brigades.

The company rooms have mostly all been deserted by the troops since the weather has become so cold. The boys will again get down to drill after the new year sets in.

The switcheater's strip at Buffalo, N. Y., last summer cost the state \$19,647 as divided as follows: subsistence, \$5,175 67; transportation, \$4,072 51; pay, \$8,399 88; clothing, camp and garrison equipment, \$2,111 11; Quartermaster's stores, \$2,477 93.

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funds for the purpose of building an armory, that they had a snug sum already donated, and that they were sure of one-fourth the purchase price of the Fifth Avenue Market House if it was sold.

A BILL of interest to the Guard was introduced at the opening last session of the Fifty-second Congress, and if it is fortunate enough to pass the ordeal of such bills it will be of considerable benefit to the National Guard.

The bill provides for a camp of instruction at or near Chicago, to be composed of such number of regulars as the President may direct, and 25,000 volunteers, for 15 days, in August, 1903, who shall be members of militia organizations in existence at the time of the passage of the act.

Transportation, subsistence and medical supplies are to be supplied to the volunteers by the United States, but no pay is to be given for service. A general officer of the army is to be designated to command the camp, and the Secretary of War shall detail such officers as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

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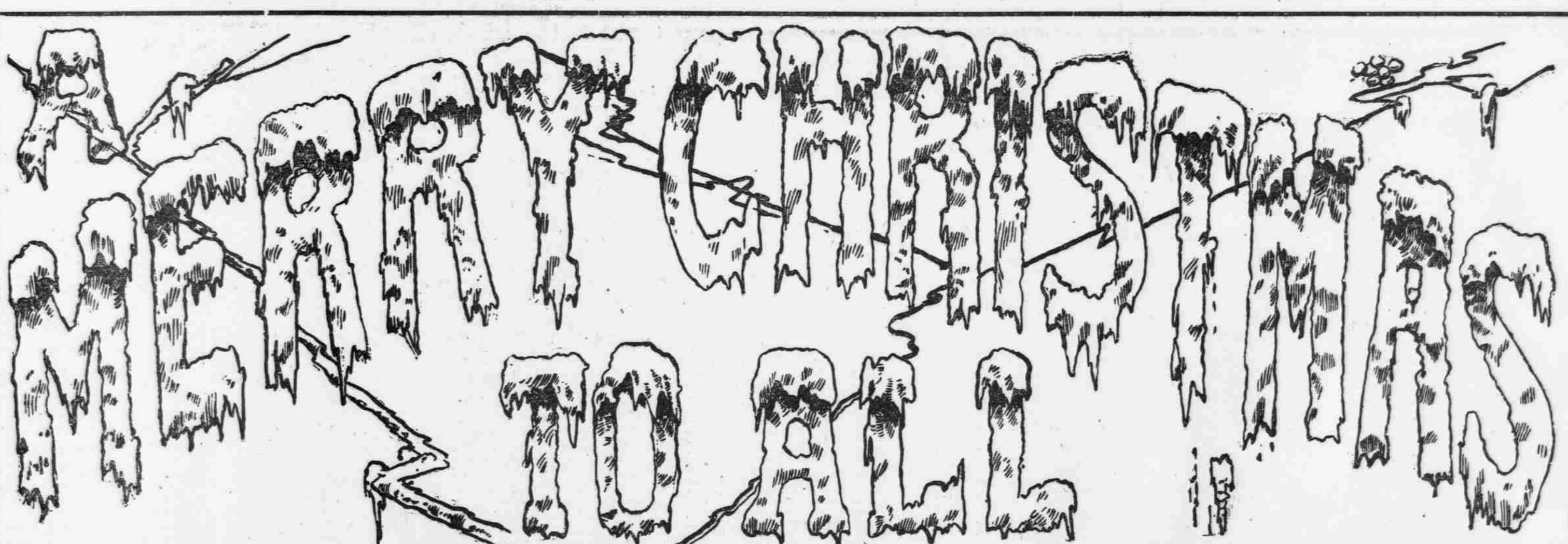
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How the Empire Fell. Mr. Daniel Crawford, one of the later