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The cab'e announces that King Menelik of Abyssinia will not visit the French Exposition, as he had intend-And only a few days before the cable supplied the explanation of this change in the royal plans, in the shape of a statement that Menelik was preparing to march on the Soudan as soon as the Sirdar had left for South Africa. The ambitions and characteristics of Meneik make this more than probable. He believes bimself to be



#### King Menelik.

the direct descendant of Solomon, by the Queen of Sheba, alleged in Abyssinian traditions to have come from the land then known as Ethiopia, a name still applied to it by its inhabit tants. The name Abyssinia is an apmixed character of the inhabitants of that great country.

#### The Vast Domain.

There is no exact limit to the vast domain loosely called Abyssinia. Lyng between 7 leg. 30 min. and 15 deg. 40 min, north latitude, forming the exreme eastern portion of Central Africa, it is the most delightful of countries, notwithstanding its proximity eight thousand feet above the sea level-affords all possible varieties of cli- leased by British troops in 1868. mate and products. Menelik, "Negusa Negust" ("King of Kings"), is absolute monarch of all the wide domain, with its four or five million inhabitants. It divided into three large provinces-Tigre on the north, Amhara on the south and Shoa on the southeast. Ethiopic is the language of the first: Amharic is spoken in the two othe provinces. The inscriptions of Egypt point to the importance of Ethiopia n ancient times, and it is known that there was constant communication Ethiopia. Up to a few years ago, however, little was thought and less was known of the country and its inhabitauts. The Ethiopian was thought of hu, who returned to England with the merely as one of the numerous sivege British troops. Soon after the solution back here withdrawn Prince Kaspeoples. But he is not even a negro. He bears no resemblance to the other inhabitants of the Dark Coninent, in fact, many of the inhabitants of Abyesinia are of the Caucasian race, of dark olive tint, approaching more nearly to the Bedouin than to any other people in appearance.

### A Christian People.

More than this, the Abyssinians are Christian people, and have been since the fourth century, when Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria, who wrote the famous Athanasian Creed, sent missionaries to them. They are independent Christians, however, like no other creed on earth. They practise much of the Old Testament code, observing the rite of circumcision, the distinctions between animals called clean and unclean in the Pentateuch. and enforce the law "An eye for an eye" with a literalness never practised in Palestine. But they do not forget the Golden Rule, which is observed with directness and simplicity. If a priest-was married before he entered the priesthood, he may sitll retain his wife, but if not married he cannot marry after becoming a priest. There are numerous churches, but no images in them. Great reverence is paid to the saints, especially SS. George and Michael. The walls of the churches are covered with frescoes, where may be seen the Crucifixion, with Jesus on the cross, the two thieves on either side, the Roman soldier extending the sponge soaked in vinegar, and Mary weeping at the foot of the cross. Anachronisms do not embarrass their mural decorations, for in a picture of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea the soldiers of Pharaoh are armed with gune! Nor are they always true to the traditional interpretations of the Bible, for Eve tempts Adam with a banana instead of with an apple. The artist probably never saw an apple. The churches are rude buildings, circular in shape, with three divisions in them-an outer one for the people, an inner one for the priests and the inmost central part for the holy of holies, like the temple at Jerusalem. In fact. Menelik shows great consideration for a tribe of Jews in Abyssinia, the Faiashas, and prides himself upon his descent from the wisest of sovereigns through Menelik I. Hence he calls bimself Menelik II.

### Life and Customs.

The life and customs of the Abyssinians are simple to primitiveness, yet they are an intelligent people, capable of a high civilization. The army of Menelik numbers come two hundred thousand, a formidable force, trained as they are and supplied with modern weapons. The Italians had a little experience with them which they will emember for many years to come, for the troops of Menelik go into battle to fight with rifles if they can, with .... and shield when they have a chance In their last battle with the Italians,

ANOTHER WAR CLOUD but one thousand escaped. Some three thousand were taken prisoners and the rest were killed outright. They nderstand the value of discipline, but they couple with the order of modern troops the flerceness of the savage, and will rush to kill, though wounded to the death themselves.

The discipline enforced even upon the chiefs is of the severest. If Men. elik is not pleased with the acts of one of his chiefs he sends for the man, and with his own royal hands lays on lustily with a stick. The monarch does it thoroughly, but firmly, for the good of the kingdom. These chiefs are responsible to him personally for their men and for the taxes required. Menelik is not easily deceived, for he goes about like a modern Haroun al Ras-chid to see that all is well in his capital, Adis Adaba. He even descends to the royal kitchen.

Attends to Details, Not a detail escapes him, and in his eagerness to see and learn everything he can snatch but three or four hours a night for sleep. He can fix his own watch if it gets out of order, and handle a Gatling gun with the beet of his men. At the same time he will take part in their dangerous sport of hurling javelins at one another while riding at full speed, and fears neither, man nor beast. But there are two persons who exert no small influence upon him, and these are his clever wife, Ta-hai-itu, and his cousin and the commander in chief of his armies. Ras Makonnen, both of whom worked hard for the introduction of the latest modern methods into Abyssinia. Such is the country and the people which may precipitate all its power upon the British Soudan to gratify the ambition of Menelik and Ras Mokonnen. cause have the Abyssinians to hate the English? This is a matter of history. The first of the three great kings of Abyssinia was Theodore III., who ascended the throne in 1855. Of considerable intelligence, Theodore organized an army of 150,000 men, and when Plowden, the English consul and his friend, was killed by a rebel named Garred. Theodore revenged his death by slaying some two thousand followers of this rebel. This was in 1860. means "mixture" referring to the rand when, two years later, another consul was sent by England Theodore dismissed him with a letter to the Queen. This letter was never answered, and in connection with the un welcome reappearance of Cameron, the consul, embittered the Ethiopian monarch. He put Cameron and his suite in prison, and when Mr. Hormuzd Rassam came to demand his release he too, was put in prison. Theodore then sent to Victoria for British mathe equator, for its mountains and chinery and workmen. He treated his table-lands-lying six thousand or prisoners kindly at first, but later almost starved them, until they were re-

#### Some History.

Meantime rebellions against Theodore had broken out, and, although the Queen thought to conciliate the monarch by sending him some artisans and machinery, she found it necessary to support with troops her demand for the release of her subjects After severe marches through the mountains the British troops, under Sir Robert Napier, surrounded Theo-dore with the remnant of his army that was still faithful to him, and the Ethiopian died by his own hand. England was acknowledged supreme by the son of the dead King, Alam-aya-hu, who returned to England with the had been withdrawn Prince Kas sai, of the province of Tigre, declared his independence, defeated; the chiefs about him, and in 1872 was crowned King of Ethiopia under the name of Johannes. He was succeeded in 1889 by the present King Menelik II. Such is the story of British attempts against Abyssinia. It is possible that if the English troops had not been withdrawn in 1868 this broad domain would now be a part of the British possessions in Africa, but it is enough to know that a king of Ethiopia was brought to his death by British arms to understand how Menelik feels toward Great Britain.

## What Will He Do?

Encouraged by Russia, it would take very little to induce Menelik to march the short distance to Khartoum and undo at one stroke all of the work so brilliantly performed by Kitchener. The struggle, under existing circumstances, would be by no means easy for England, and it is more than probable that the hardy, well trained troops of the Ethiopian monarch would sweep all before them.

Will Menelik try it? - Every traveler who has visited him has been struck



which he does not pretend to conceal. He knows what is going on in the world, and if, after his defes of the Italians, he has dreams of es tablishing a great empire in the centre of Africa, will he not be merely imitating the ambition of European sovereigns? That he can succeed at first, while all of England's forces are engaged in South Africa, is undoubted, and that he has such dreams is more than probable, while that he will do so is already rumored-perhaps has been suggested to him by some of England's numerous Continental enemies.

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perween a minister and his congrection, so that the minister makes congregation, and the congregation makes the minister. When one speaks of a minister's service to his rents, and offertories, and statistics and crowds, nor of schools, guilds and classes and lectures. The master achievement of the minister is to form character and to make men The chief question, therefore, to con sider about a minister's work What kind of men has he made?

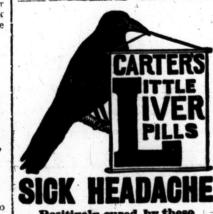
And one, at least, of the most de risive questions which the members of a congregation can be judged is: What have they made of their minis ter? By that one does not mea what salary they may give him, nor how agreeable they may be to him and risen to his height in the atmos phere of his congregation. Such con gregations have ruined nunisters by harassing them till they lost heart and ill-tempered. Some congrega-tions, again, have ruined ministers and ill-tempered. by so humoring and petting them that they could endure no contradic tion, and became childish. That congregation had done its duty most effectively which has created an atmos phere so genial, and yet so bracing that every good in its minister has been fostered, and everything petty killed -- Ian Maclaren in The Ladies' Home Journal ;

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