

# King of Kumasi Is Now Private Citizen

## Paramount Monarch of Ashanti Deposed.

Washington, D. C.—Prempeh, last king of the Ashanti, is returning to his forest-girt capital, but he goes as a private citizen. He will never again occupy the golden stool.

These facts, contained in news dispatches, are explained in the following bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society:

"The capital of the People Who Eat Corn in the City Under the Oakum Trees, which is the translated way of saying that the capital of Ashanti is Kumasi. There are many potatoes in Ashanti but, until Prempeh was deposed, the king of Kumasi was the paramount monarch of all the Ashanti tribes. He it was who, in theory at least, maintained the traditional harem of 3,233 wives, drank from the skulls of his would-be conquerors, and immolated relatives of distinguished dead in the Spirit house in the grove so that the departed might have an ample entourage in the next world.

### Where Plants Struggle to Live.

"Ashanti lies north of the Gold coast of Africa, between the Ivory coast and Togoland. The country, now under British control, is approximately the size of West Virginia. About half its area comprises one of the thickest, densest, most impenetrable primeval forests in all the world. The iron tree and the bamboo, the silk-cotton and the hardwood, bamboos and ferns, and an almost infinite variety of growths engage in a fierce fight for life. Every plant, from slender tendrils to giant trees, rises erect, seeking a place in the sun, drawn out to an absurdly disproportionate height in its endeavor to force its own head above those of its neighbors.

"The mahogany, the teak and the ebony, varieties which civilization prizes, here crowd each other for life. Flowers, birds and beasts are excluded from these thickets; the plant life sucks in every iota of sustenance from sun and soil. Parasites abound. Velvet moss clings to the decaying trees that have met defeat. There being no more room aloft the lanas, or monkey ropes, festoon themselves from tree to tree and form weird arbors for lesser horizontal growths.

"The white man, even with all the aids of modern medicine, cannot survive long in such a habitat; only the most stalwart of the black men can adapt themselves to it. In the Seventeenth century, or a little earlier, migrating Moslem tribes to the north drove bands of negroes into the country. The newcomers took possession of this forest realm, and, in defending it, developed themselves into a vigorous, dashy people.

"Tradition has it that a famine drove large numbers of the settlers south, and that these refugees kept alive on herbs, or 'fan,' in the native tongue; while those left behind ate corn, or 'san.' The former, who inhabit the Gold coast to this day, are known as Fanti; while those who remained were called Ashanti. Both tribes speak the same language but the Ashanti, in their isolation, have developed a physical superiority to their southern neighbors.

"In 1807 the Ashantis came into first contact with the British by attempting to invade the realm of the Fanti. Not until a quarter of a century later were the northern drives back from the sea coast. Early in the seventies difficulties arose which caused British forces to undertake the exceedingly arduous task of marching upon Kumasi. The expedition was successful, and it was not until after the elevation of Prince Prempeh to the golden stool in 1888—the same Prempeh who now is returning to his former domain—that troubles arose again.

In Company of Noted Exiles. Prempeh was enthroned after a

## Eat Orange a Day, Keep Baldness Away

Milwaukee.—An orange a day will keep baldness away. Dr. LeRoy Crummer, professor of medicine at the University of Nebraska, is authority for the statement, made at a meeting here of the Tri-State Medical association.

"Science has found that the absence of certain acids in the stomach eventually produces baldness," he declared. "It is also proved that citrus fruits abound in healthful acids that tend to stimulate sluggish stomachs. Eat citrus fruits and you will never be bald."

civil war, and he had to consolidate his power; but, in 1803, he closed the roads of his dominion to traders from the south, so that the British government had to intervene in behalf of their Gold coast protectorate. This intervention resulted in the surrender of Prempeh, three years later, and his exile, first at Elmina, a Gold coast town, and later upon the Seychelles islands. There he spent 23 years and had, for varying periods, the company of such picturesque exiles as Saad Zaghloul, of Egypt; the warlike Kabonga, of Unyoro, and Sayyid Khalid, of Zanzibar.

"When Prempeh returns to Kumasi he will miss the king's palace, a handsome red sandstone building which has disappeared. Gone, too, is the Spirit house, scene of human sacrifices, which used to lie just behind the market place. Instead there is now a railroad station, terminus of the line from Sekondi, on the coast, 168 miles away. And he will find his old political capital transformed into a busy distributing center for the inland Gold coast colony, of which Ashanti now forms a part."

# Electrons Heard by New Radio Device

## One Hundred Thousandfold Amplification Used.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Experiments by which scientists have been able to listen to the movement of electrons, the smallest particles of matter, were described here by Dr. A. W. Hull of the research laboratory of the General Electric company, at the annual meeting of the American Physical society. The vacuum tube amplifier in which the amplification is carried to a hundred thousandfold, and with which a millionfold can be reached, makes this possible, Doctor Hull stated. The sound produced by the electrons is caused by bombardment of the plate by electrons, released from the hot filament. It is these electrons which carry the current and which make the operation of the tube possible. The noise is therefore a fundamental property of electron emission, a characteristic of the electron, according to Doctor Hull. The experiments have been conducted jointly by Doctor Hull and Dr. H. H. Williams of the University of Michigan at the university.

Called Schrot Effect. The noise, due to the electrical oscillation which is set up by the impacts of the individual electrons on the plate, is known as the Schrot effect. The energy of each blow is extremely minute, but, like rain drops, the energies of the many individual impacts add, and their sum becomes very large. With sufficient amplification, Doctor Hull stated, the blows may produce a roar like that of Niagara.

The electron is the unit charge of electricity and the determination of its value is of the utmost importance. The oil drop method, devised by Professor Milliken in the physics laboratory of the University of Chicago, gave science its first accurate measurements of the charge of the electron. Accurate as the experiments are, however, it is desirable that they be checked by some independent method.

Milliken's method of measuring the charge of an electron is based on the influence of gravity and of electric charges on minute oil "droplets." These droplets are so small that the effect of gravity causes them to fall only a quarter of an inch in ten seconds.

In the formation of these small drops with an atomizer, occasionally one becomes charged through friction, for example; it may carry an additional electron. If, then, the droplet is between two electrically charged plates, it will behave differently from the uncharged particles, Doctor Hull stated. Those which are not charged will fall. The charged particles will be attracted to the positive plate. By the use of the proper voltage between the plates, these charged particles can be made to fall more slowly, held stationary, or caused to move upward. If two electrons, instead of one, are held by the droplet, the effect is doubled. Measurements made by this method give the value of the electronic charge very exactly. In recognition of the importance of this work, the Nobel prize in science for last year was awarded to Professor Milliken.

Opens Up New Field. Doctors Hull and Williams have measured the charge of the electron in a different way, by means of the Schrot effect, and have opened a field for research which promises to add to the knowledge regarding the electron and its properties.

It was not such a long time ago that the electron was unknown, the speaker declared. First scientists had the molecule, itself a small thing, the ability ever to see even one of the largest may seriously be doubted. Then came the atom, the minute integral part of the molecule. For a long time the atom was considered as the ultimate particle of matter. But each element presents a different atom. Science was not content to rest. It sought to connect all phenomena, and the electron was the result.

It was discovered that all matter is composed of electrons, the different substances resulting from the different properties possessed by the atoms according to the number and arrangement of the electrons they contain.

Woman Mail Carrier. Lansing, Mich.—For 21 years Mrs. M. Wood has driven a rural mail route here. Mrs. Wood has the second heaviest route out of Lansing, delivering mail to 450 families.

## BOTH CHEF AND ARTIST



It is possible to be a famous chef and an accomplished artist, in one. Joseph N. Jacobson has painted magazine covers for publications in the United States, France, Sweden and Russia, and he really doesn't have to be a chef. But he can't stop because he likes it, he says. For twenty years he has cooked. He was head chef in the United States senate, served as a cook with Gen. Joseph Kuhn of the Seventy-ninth division in France, and has been chef in prominent New York hotels. Jacobson does much of his art work in odd moments while in the kitchen.

## Saskatchewan Town Debt Threatens It With Ruin

Regina, Saskatchewan.—The little town of Battleford, whose residents are threatened with a possible levy of 5 per cent of their total assessments to satisfy town debts, has appealed to the Saskatchewan government to save it from financial ruin. The town owes about \$700,000 to bondholders, of which approximately \$300,000 is overdue. A judgment has been secured against the community by some of the creditors and as a result residents are confronted with a possible levy of 640 mills, or about three-fourths of the total assessment.

## Depends on Voice to Show Man's Character

The other day I was in Tommy Michael's office, "J. P." writes in the Kansas City Times, and he nodded to me to pick up the extension telephone. "I want you to listen to what this bird has to say," said he.

Well, I did, and except that I knew nothing about the business he was talking 't got along all right. Finally Tommy cut the conversation off. "I think I do not want to do business with you," said he, and hung up the receiver.

He knew nothing of the other man except from his telephone conversation, but did not like his voice. It was, he said, the voice of a cheat and a bully. He felt he could not rely on this telephone stranger, except to be unfair and untruthful and troublesome. Voices, said Tommy Michael, are worth studying. He had been fooled by fair appearances more than once, and candid eyes had proven deceitful, and the written word had been deceptive when passed on by a lawyer. But he could always spot the voice of a rogue.

It is claimed that Lumley castle, owned by the earl of Scarborough, is the oldest residence in England. The oldest residence in England, it is claimed, was first mentioned in the record of the gifts given by St. Ursula of Ulf, to the church of St. Culbert during the reign of Edward (978-1015). The building continued in the state of a manor house till the time of Sir Ralph de Lumley, who fell at Crecy, fighting against Henry IV. He had obtained licenses to embellish and embellish his mansion from both Richard II and Bishop Skirlaw. The bishop's license predated the king's by three years, being granted in 1386. The place has been inhabited by a Lumley ever since its original erection, so that even if it be not the oldest residence in the country, it will be difficult to find one to beat it. The pedigree of the Lumley family is a long one and brought forth the remark from James I to the bishop of Durham, who was explaining it to him: "Oh! mon, gae na further, let me digest the knowledge I ha' gained, for by my soul I did na ken Adam's name was Lumley." Luiph, the Saxon, was murdered by some Norman lord, he says, of Bishop Walcher, in 1080 was an ancestor of the Lumley family. This crime led to a rising of the Saxons in the bishopric, during which Bishop Walcher was slain at Gares head in the same year as Luiph met his death.

"I don't know what there is about it," he said, vaguely. "Something—something false." Since then I have been studying voices. Of course, a rough, quarrelsome, mean, sycophantic voice may be detected because of the inflection. But to catch the voice of a thief because of some false note—Tommy says it can always be done, with practice. An honest man always has an honest voice. A thief never has.

Try it, some time. Guess on the voices you hear on the phone. "Get Your Goat" The origin of this phrase, which means to annoy, irritate or make angry, is not known for certain. Modern lexicographers believe "goat" in this expression is a contraction of "goatee," the chin tuft or pointed beard. If this is correct, "to get one's goat" literally would mean to pull one's beard, which is considered the most humiliating kind of insult.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Improve Your Child. Edson, with all his inventions, was a piker compared to the ambitious young photographer who advertised: "Your baby, if you have one, can be enlarged, tinted, and framed for \$8.75."—Jack 'o' Lantern.

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Poet Laureates. The naming of a poet laureate is an English custom. The United States has never named one, and as far as it is possible to learn does not contemplate using the custom. Several of the states have poet laureates.

Well, isn't it? A doctor, on being charged in an English police court with having obstructed a funeral by leaving his motorcar in the main street, replied that "it was his duty, if possible, to stop funerals."

Its Origin Forgotten. "The goose hangs high" is a proverbial saying which is subject to controversy. "The goose hangs high" is believed by some to be the original saying. The actual source from which the saying is derived is not known.

Thought and Action. The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts. It is the nature of thought to find its way into action.—Bovee.

Evolved Famous Dish. A national dispenser of the popular food, pork and beans, says that they were first served by an Englishman, Daniel Day Good, who, on the first Friday of every July, invited his friends to a picnic of pork and beans.

Hope Basis of Everything. Man is, properly speaking, based upon hope; he has no other possession but hope; this world of his is emphatically the Place of Hope.—Carlyle.

Gibbon's Inspiration. In the church of Ara Coeli in Rome, on October 15, 1764, Gibbon, as he sat nursing on the Capitol and the Forum, conceived the idea of writing "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

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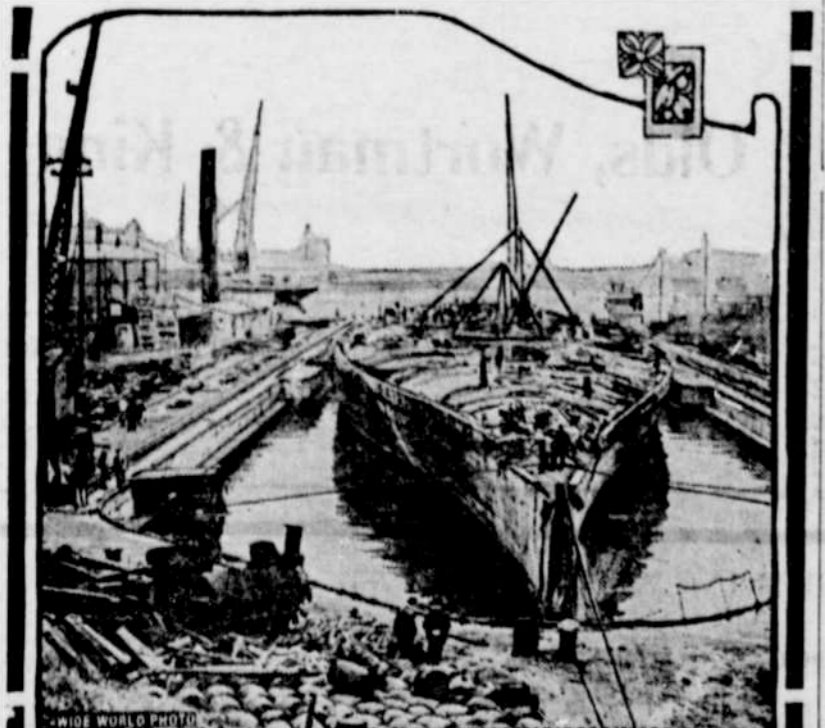
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## Hit by Burglar, Woman Traps Him in Closet

Philadelphia.—How Mrs. Sarah Kaufman unwittingly trapped and almost caused the death of a burglar who had felled her unconscious was revealed 15 hours after the attack. Then a closet door in the Kaufman home was opened by police and out fell the burglar nearly unconscious. Mrs. Kaufman was passing through a room on the second floor on the way to her bedroom when she was felled

by a blackjack. Police say that in falling she struck the closet door into which her assailant had darted, and closed it, the spring lock snapping. Her husband found her unconscious and took her to the Mercersburg hospital. She was able to return home the same day and was passing through the room where she had been assaulted when she heard a faint scraping noise in the closet. Going to

the door she heard a faint breathing and called the police. As the officers opened the door a youth, who later said he was Melvin Barnes, eighteen, of Galveston, Texas, fell out, almost unconscious from lack of air. He admitted later he had broken into the house, but denied striking Mrs. Kaufman. Business of the German mercantile fleet has increased nearly 700,000 tons annually in the last three years.