

CONGO FREE STATE

King Leopold's Administration Not So Black as It Has Been Painted

(New York Commercial.)

The Congo Free State has in view the building of further lines of railway, which, when completed, will add to a further 2000 kilometers to the railway system of the Free State. On the waterways of the state there are regular steam navigation lines. On Stanley Pool there are about 100 steamers, half of which belong to the state. The steamers in use on the river and the lakes have been specially built in Europe for shallow waters. On the Upper Congo river the fleet belonging to the Free State comprises 30 odd steamers, besides which there are eight on the lower Congo, and 70 more belonging to private companies. The terminus ports for steamers are Stanleyville on the Congo river, Kuniambi on the Loamali, Popokabaka on the Kwango, Zongo on the Ubangi, Ilem on the Itimbiri and Jambuya on the Aruwimi. From these ports wide and easy highways extend toward the interior, some of them specially constructed for automobile service and others for projected railways.

Steamers and sailing vessels have been launched on Lake Tanganyika, Lake Kivu and Lake Morea. The ports of Banana, Boma and Matadi, on the lower Congo, are accessible at all times to ocean-going steamers, and Banana, at the mouth of the river, enjoys the great advantage of having no sand banks to interfere with navigation. Communication in the Free State has within the past 10 years largely developed by means of the telephone and telegraph, the first telegraphic line being established between Boma and Matadi in 1895. In 1898 both the telegraph and telephone were extended to Leopoldville from Matadi.

In 1899 another 800 miles of wire were in service, and since then long-

distance telephoning has been perfected and communications are practically easy for distances of from 400 to 500 miles. Wireless telegraph has also been put to practical use.

Justice may now be said to be administered throughout the Free State. In the chief towns of each district there are territorial courts, exercising jurisdiction over natives and Europeans, the judicial system being carried out by 44 civil tribunals and military courts, 57 bureaus of vital statistics and 26 official notaries. Over all these is the high council, which sits at Brussels, both as a court of appeal and as a court of cassation in civil and criminal affairs. There is also a court of appeal at Boma, composed of a presiding judge and two associates, a district attorney and a clerk. The three judges are chosen, as far as possible, from different nationalities.

To be appointed as presiding judge of this court the candidate must be 30 years of age, a doctor of law, must either have practiced, occupied a judicial position, or taught law in a university for at least five years. The court of first instance at Boma may sit in any part of the Free State; its competency is general, covering civil, commercial and criminal affairs. It consists of a judge, a clerk and a district attorney. The territorial courts are competent to deal with all infractions of the law committed within their districts, or even beyond the limits of the same, though the parties reside or are found therein. Crimes committed by the white population and punishable by death are tried exclusively before the court of first instance of the lower Congo at Boma, where the accused parties enjoy all the privileges of the fair trial guaranteed by civilized countries.

The government is constantly giving its judicial agents instructions for the blacks, and any infringement of the rights of the natives is severely punished.

The medical service is composed of a chief doctor, domiciled at Boma, and one doctor for every district, domiciled at the chief town, each of whom has at his disposal a certain number of native nurses. There are now 27 of these government doctors scattered throughout the Free State, besides, of course, the private practitioners. In the capital of each district there is a pharmaceutical depot

which supplies the drug stores or the various stations of the district. The capitals of each district as well as all the important stations have government hospitals, for the care of the natives in the government service; these are generally built of brick and are well fitted. In Boma and Leopoldville there are hospitals especially fitted out for the care of the whites.

The government has established school colonies managed by Belgian sisters of mercy, where scholars acquire a practical professional training. From these institutions the government has acquired the services of capable employees, foremen and non-commissioned officers for the Free State army, known as the "Force Publique."

In 1885 the Belgians had only three missions and six missionaries in the Free State; today they own 59 missions and 30 itinerant missionaries. Besides these there are 530 mission farms, 113 churches and chapels, 523 lecture halls, three intermediary schools, 75 primary schools and 450 elementary schools, where the natives themselves teach reading and writing. Then there are seven poor asylums, 75 Christian villages, and 75,000 converted Christians.

The above is but a very brief idea of what the little country of Belgium has accomplished in 21 years in that vast African territory. The effort has been herculean, and the results so astonishing that it has aroused the jealousy of those who would reap the harvest without the trouble of sowing the seed or weeding the ground.

It is not in vain that Cardinal Gibbons says: "There has been a great amount of exaggeration in the stores of mal-administration. King Leopold is a wise, humane ruler, and we hear through missionary sources that whenever cases of cruelty have occurred, King Leopold has been prompt to redress such abuses and punish offenders. I fear this agitation against King Leopold's administration is animated partly by religious jealousy and partly by commercial rivalry. It is to be hoped that the individuals who are carrying it on will not be successful in their efforts to induce the powers to interfere."

No stronger expression of the truth was ever given in regard to Congo affairs and it is a satisfaction to know that it comes from such a source.

A COUNTRY EDITOR.

One of the Ignorant Kind Who Asks Questions.

Hon. D. M. C. Gault, in Western Oregon.)

Western Oregon supposes that the \$250,000 appropriation for the State University is reasonable and necessary for its proper maintenance, but the management should be willing to take the public into its confidence. Villard could successfully, or did once, secure a blind pool, but the university will do well not to step in his tracks. The regents, or else some of them, ought to make an itemized statement of how the old appropriation is spent. The old appropriation, according to President Campbell, is \$47,500, to which must be added \$12,000 realized from interest on the university irreducible fund in the state treasury, making \$59,500. Is the revenue from the Villard bequest included? How is that \$59,500 spent? What professors were paid, and how much? For the two years covered by the state appropriation, the college would have \$119,000 plus \$250,000, or \$369,000. What are the items of disbursements? They are probably legitimate, but the regents can well afford to take the people into their confidence, the more since it is the people who are to furnish the money. The school admits to owing 27 acres of land, but wants more. The field covered adjoins and belongs to ex-Secretary Harrison Kincaid. He is of the older school of politics and knows how to spell "graft," and some have not been slow to remark that his price is out of reason—a sum that no one else is ready to pay. It is thus that the prejudice of the head of a family of boys is aroused. He may not hope for a classical education for those, only just the eighth grade. But show him how the money is spent, and why it is needed.

Railroad Cases Heard Today.

Washington, April 22.—The United States supreme court advanced till today the cases of the Southern Railway company and the Illinois Central Railroad company against the interstate commerce commission, involving the right of the railroad companies to advance the freight rate on lumber and set them down for today, and they are accordingly being heard in Chicago today.

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CHARTER CHANGES BY COMMITTEE.

Mayor of Pendleton Will Appoint Citizens to Work With City Council.

(Pendleton East Oregonian).

Twelve taxpayers of Pendleton, three from each of the four wards of the city, to be appointed by Mayor James A. Fee, will form a committee which will work with the city in formulating the charter changes which will be adopted by the citizens at an election to be held later.

This was the decision of the citizen's mass meeting which was held at the court house for the purpose of discussing charter changes. The meeting was well attended by taxpayers and citizens, and a thorough discussion of the principal changes

proposed for the city charter was engaged in by various citizens, all of whom urged the construction of a gravity system of city water as one of the first and most important improvements to be made.

The city indebtedness and present outstanding bonds were fully explained by Recorder Fitz Gerald and City Attorney John McCourt, and after discussing the different phases of the proposed changes to the charter a motion was made by Congressman W. R. Ellis that a committee of taxpayers, consisting of three from each of the city wards, be appointed by the chairman to act in consultation with the mayor and city council in agreeing upon the changes to be submitted to the people.

All Favor Water System.

One noticeable feature of all the principal addresses and discussions of the evening was the unanimity of sentiment upon the matter of securing a gravity system of municipal water, and this will perhaps be the leading and most highly important provision of the charter changes, although the system may not be constructed immediately, that remaining with the water commission.

The last estimate on a system of gravity water for the city was made in 1903, and at that time it was thought such a system could be had for \$125,000, but, owing to the advance in the prices of all materials since that time, this estimate is entirely too low, and a sufficient basis to enable the water commission to construct a modern system of perhaps be proposed.

After the committee and the council agree upon changes proposed to carry forward the needed improvements in the city, another meeting of citizens will perhaps be held and after that the changes will be voted upon by the citizens of the city.

Many favorable expressions of opinion were heard on the changes to the city charter law by which citizens may make charter changes independent of the legislature. Pendleton is one of the first cities in the state to take advantage of the new law.



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