

# CONGO CANNIBAL KINGS.

## STRANGE FEASTS OF THESE AFRICAN GENTLEMEN.

Amazons Killed in Battle Are Preserved to Furnish Food for Savage Monarch's Tables—A French Traveller's Experience on the Congo.

The cannibal kings of African tribes still adhere to their horrid food and indulge in it whenever they can. When one of a king's numerous wives dies her body is smoked and kept in the royal pantry until required to furnish forth a feast for the king. The cannibals believe that the virtues of the dead are transferred to the person that eats the flesh.

M. Xavier Pene, a member of the Societe de Geographic and Anthropologie of France, has spent thirty-five years of his life as an explorer and trader in South Africa. He has probably a more intimate knowledge of the tribes of the great Congo region than any other man living.

### A TRAVELLER'S ADVENTURE.

The chief wife of King Dongo, the ruler of several flourishing villages on the Congo, was a famous Amazon princess, for whom, according to custom, King Dongo had paid for her father a very large sum in native commodities.

One day, returning from a trading expedition up the Congo River, M. Pene, with his negro servant, stopped at one of Dongo's villages to request additional bearers for the rubber they were conveying to the coast. King Dongo was not at the village, but was expected in the morning. During the night the village was fiercely attacked by enemies and in the flight a number of Dongo's people were slain, among others, the Amazon princess, his chief wife.

"When I opened my eyes in the morning," said M. Pene, "the first thing on which I rested was King Dongo. He had returned at dawn. From under the cot on which I slept he had drawn a short box and into this was putting the trunk and head of a woman. I judged they were those of the Amazon who had been killed in the skirmish of the previous night, but Dongo was sulky and would not tell me what he meant to do with them. Closing the box he pushed it under the cot and left the hut.

"I had no inclination to remain in such company and followed the king. I searched about the village for him, but in my absence from the hut he had returned and taken the box to a village a few miles off. I vainly waited for his return all that day, the villagers advising me that in his present mood it would be dangerous to approach Dongo.

### A HORRID FEAST.

"The following morning I determined to wait no longer. The villagers were demoralizing my own negroes. Ever since the battle they had been feasting on the slain and were beginning to exhibit that ungovernable ferocity which is the result of cannibalism. They were literally drunk with blood. None of the negroes would accompany me to the other village as they were afraid of the king. When I reached the village the negroes were almost afraid to direct me to the royal abode, and tried to dissuade me from disturbing Dongo.

"As I walked towards the group of palm trees which sheltered the king's hut I noticed a crack in the wall and every crack and cranny of the walls and roof. As I neared the hut I heard a man's voice raised in hideous shrieks and lamentations, an offensive odor assailed my nostrils.

"I knocked loudly on the hut door and Dongo suspended his wallings long enough to order me to demand my intention of going until I had obtained what I wanted, and so knocked again. Receiving no answer, I pushed open the door and stepped inside. For a moment I nearly fainted; then I rushed out for a breath of fresh air. King Dongo sullenly followed.

### A STRANGE SMOKE-HOUSE.

"In the minute's glimpse of the hut's interior I saw a strange sight. Suspended from the roof of the cabin were the legs and head of a human and a woman's. In the centre of the room a wood fire was smouldering and the strange odor that had assailed me on approaching the hovel was a hundred times intensified. I asked the African King in his native dialect:

"What is the matter? Why do you so inhospitably forsake your friends and shut yourself in your hut, indulging in these unmanly tears? Is it worthy of the great warrior, the great King?"

"Alas, no," replied the African. "It is all for this woman. Unhappy wretch that I am, I gave nearly half I owned to buy her from her tribe. They are very powerful and may demand many ivory tusks and ostrich feathers and much cattle for her death. That is not all. She was the chief woman of my household. Never were there such farms as those she superintended. With her half my revenue is gone."

"Cheer up—cheer up!" I advised. "Things may not be so bad as you think."

"Things are very bad indeed," replied the monarch; "but, since I must lose so much, I will not lose her body. When she is dead I will bury her in the earth, and her courage will be the same as the warriors of the tribe. When I eat of her flesh her wisdom will become my wisdom; she was wiser than any princess of the Congo. Thus will she cheer my heart in hours of despair, and her virtues will again be mine. When hunger of the heart comes to Dongo he will but taste of the flesh of his queen and the evil spirits must flee away. Great will be Dongo's power in battle and great will be his wisdom in council."

"Then," said I, pointing to the cabin, those things suspended from the ceiling of the hut are the remains of your wife?"

"The white man has said it," I answered. "And you are smoking it to preserve it?"

"With prayers and incantations which you have interrupted," assented the King. "Had it been a black man his death would have been the price of his presumption. But her work is almost finished. Will the great white man state his errand?"

### THE CANNIBALS' BELIEF.

"I promptly stated it. As he listened Dongo went into the hut to cut down the portions of smoked flesh. He brought out the box in which the body had been placed and conveyed it from the scene of battle, and for all I know, King Dongo may to this day be fortifying his courage by an occasional nibble of smoked wife of his own king."

"Certain it is he became one of the most powerful chiefs along the Congo, and added by conquest many villages to his possessions. The negroes feared him greatly, and no doubt Dongo himself ascribes it all to that horrible cannibal tonic which he keeps stored in the chest under his cot. This occurred only two or three years ago."

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As a GLASS FLOOR.

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#### Positive Cure for Rheumatism and Paralysis.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, County of Wentworth.

L. Ann Caffery, wife of Owen Caffery, of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, Province of Ontario, do hereby solemnly declare that I am forty one years of age and live at No. 227 Ferrie street east, in said city.

Three years ago I was afflicted with severe pain in my head. So great was this pain that I thought I would lose my reason. I also became very despondent. My general health was poor, and I was as tired when I awoke in the morning as when I went to bed. About a year and a half ago my left side became paralyzed which caused it to be numb and cold. Everything was done to bring back warmth and circulation but all was in vain until I began taking Mr. Ryckman's Kootenay Cure in April, 1895, of which I have now used two and one half bottles, and have recovered my reason, my side is free from paralysis, the numbness has left me, and I feel like a new woman. I cannot speak too highly of the medicine, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as a solemn declaration by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Taken and acknowledged before me at the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, this 18th day of December, 1895. (Signed), Ann Caffery. (Signed), W. Fred Walker. A Commissioner for taking affidavits and Notary Public.

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