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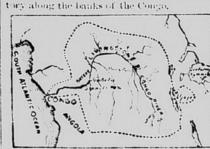
STANLEY'S AFRICAN STATE DOES NOT SEEM TO "CO."

A Territory Nearly Ball as Large as the United States—Fabulous Pertility—Almost Unheard of Facilities for Fortune

The lecture tour of Henry M. Similey through the United States this winter has called attention mean to his work in Africa. The latest word is that the Free State of Congo, which owes its existence to him, knot panning out according to expectation. This is unfortunate indeed. It was the dream of Stanley to found agreed nation, which should take in the whole basin of the Congo. A waterway 6,000 miles in longth could with little expense be made navigable throughout. The terratory thus included would embrace an area month half as large as the United States, a populous region of fabulous fertility. There are already nearly 40,000,000 people there.

Frames and Portugal bad already established trading outposts and hid chim to some of the territory along the Congo. Native tribes one after another owned patches of the banks of the great river. One entering the country of every one of these tribes a new set of tolis had to be paid by the Congo navigator.

Stanley persuaded France and Portugal to cede to the Free State portions of their territory along the banks of the Congo.



MAP OF THE CONGO FREE STATE.

He next persuaded the i-olated tribes to merge their interests into one government. The object of this was to do away at once and forever with the annoying river toils and stoppages. Once belonging to one government throughout its entire length the Congo would be free to travelers and traders from month to source. Concessions to this effect were obtained and ratified.

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At length, April 10, 1-84, congress passed a resolution authorizing the possident to recognize the international African association on the Corgo as one of the governments of the world. That set the ball rolling. The European powers speedlify ollowed, Nov. 15, 1881, assembled the Berlin conference of nations, to ratify the coming into existance of the Free State. The representatives of fifteen governments, the United States and the countries of Europe, guaranteed place and manuto the new mation. Its water ways were to be free routes of trade to all peoples. Best of all, in all time to come there should be no traffic in slaves within its borders, and each power bound itself to prevent such traffic to the utmost of its ability.

So the new state was christened. The fina sitting of the conference was on Feb. 26, 1885. The part the United States took in this important negotiation is a matter of pride to



cond map shows better than any de-The dark lines show his routes of The death of Livingstone had left the work of that great explorer uncompleted No traveler in Africa had finished entirely the task he had set out to perform. To finish Grant and Dr. Livingstone, Stanley, commis-sioned by The New York Herald and The London Tel graph, set out in 1877. He en tered Africa on the east side at Zamaiban. Two years, eight months and twenty day afterwards he came out on the west side, at the mouth of the Coago or Livingstone river He had traveled around the great lakes of Africa, established the sources of the Nile, threaded the Congo from its source to its mouth, and crossed the "dark continent" from east to west, being the first waite man, prob ably the first white or black, to a hieve any of these exploits.

It will be a matter of profoundest regret if the Free State does not get on well. A brave band of seven more missionaries have just started thither to join Bishop Taylor's band. They are persons in the trades and professions—comprising two carpenters, a physician, a miner and a farmer. The country teems with undeveloped riches, and fainnious fortunes have already been made chere.

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