

CHRONICLES OF AK-SAR-BEN



THE GERMAN BAND THAT GOT ARRESTED YET ALBRECHT.

the Kingdom of Quivera lieth in the land beyond the great river that is known as the Father of Waters. And to this great exposition journeyed many strangers from lands afar, even from the uttermost ends of the earth, that they might see the wonders of Quivera, which they praised, saying, Behold, Quivera is the fairest of all lands; its sons are the mightiest among men, and its daughters the most beautiful among women, and its cities are strong and powerful; its fields yield the riches of the earth, and from its vines do the grapes hang in large clusters, and its wine presses give that which doth bring great joy to the heart. Of its meats have we eaten and of its wines have we drunk, and we have found them good. Great is Quivera and happy are the people who dwell therein. And greatest of all kings is Ak-Sar-Ben.

With feasting and music and with thanksgiving did they abide, and the market places were filled to overflowing with those that sought the merchants, and the trade of the king's city did wax and multiply. And the chief ruler of the mightiest people of all the world, to whom did King Ak-Sar-Ben and his loyal subjects pay tribute and do obeisance, him that was named McKinley, and who ruled over the United States of America, in which was included the Kingdom of Quivera, and whose emblem was Old Glory, did come to the king's city, and with him were many of his nobles, and those who sit in the high seats. And Ak-Sar-Ben did make a mighty feast for them, and all the people did rejoice, and the glories of the kingdom were shown to them, that they did marvel much at its wonders. At the same time that McKinley did sojourn in the land of Quivera at the court of King Ak-Sar-Ben also did come one who was called Miles, a mighty warrior, and the leader of all the armies of the land that marched under the emblem of Old Glory; and Shafter, who was also called Bill, who was a famous warrior, for that he did take Santiago, which was a walled city that fell before his prowess. Besides were many others who were high in the councils of the great land over which McKinley ruled, and the ambassadors of the great nations of the world, and they all sojourned in the city of Omaha and partook of the feasting and rejoicings.

WHILE yet King Ak-Sar-Ben IV did sit on the throne and the land was prosperous, the peoples over whom McKinley ruled with wisdom were at war with the people of another ruler, and from the gates of the king's city the young men and the fighting men went forth. Some of these did go unto far off countries that were many days journey across the great sea, and they did bring much glory to themselves and to the Kingdom of Quivera by their steadfastness and courage when they did meet the enemies of the McKinleyites. Bryan, whose name was William, and who was a man known

the nations of the earth had gathered together to be at the king's feast, and to testify to his greatness and the goodness of his days. Even unto the close of the sixth day did the feasting and the rejoicing continue, and while it was at its height, lo, a new king was come unto the throne, and his name was Ak-Sar-Ben V.

WHEN the time of Ak-Sar-Ben V was coming to its fullness and the days of the festival did approach, divers young men and warriors of the kingdom who had sojourned in a land far off, even beyond the waters of the great ocean, and who had there done battle against the enemies of the ruler of all the nations, did return and unto them did the king extend his hand, and his countenance was wreathed about with light when they did return. For the young men who were of the band that is called the First Ne-Bras-Ka, which is even after the king's own name, were a valiant band, and among them were many men of might and much valor, so that their deeds had brought to them exceeding great fame. All the people did call out to greet these young men, and they sojourned among their kindred. Again were the great palaces builded by the wise men and the counsellors of the city illuminated with lights, and the night made to be as the day and the feasting and rejoicings of the people were without stint. Multitudes did sojourn to the city of the king, and here did pay in their tribute to the greatness of Ak-Sar-Ben V. And after him reigned King Ak-Sar-Ben VI.

NOW, the fame of King Ak-Sar-Ben and his loyal knights was extended throughout all the kingdoms of the world, and from the East came wise men, seeking the king that they might learn from him wisdom and of his greatness. And Samson did greet these wise men and show unto them all the glories of the kingdom, and did discover to them the secret of the greatness of the king and of his people. So that when they had ended their sojourn and did return again to their own country, it was to spread knowledge of the wonders of Ak-Sar-Ben and the might and valor and richness of his men of war and his champions, and the wisdom and prudence and foresight of his counsellors. Plenty was in the land, and merchants from abroad did come to the capital city of the king, and to the other cities of his kingdom, and the people waxed rich in their gains by reason of all the people, because he was a leader and a prophet, was numbered among the fighting men who went out from the gates of the king's city, and he was made a captain over a thousand men, and he was ever after known as Colonel. Which is a high title in the land and much to be desired.

And while yet Ak-Sar-Ben IV ruled over his people did some of the fighting men return from the strange lands into which they had

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