

Resistance to Imperialism in Africa



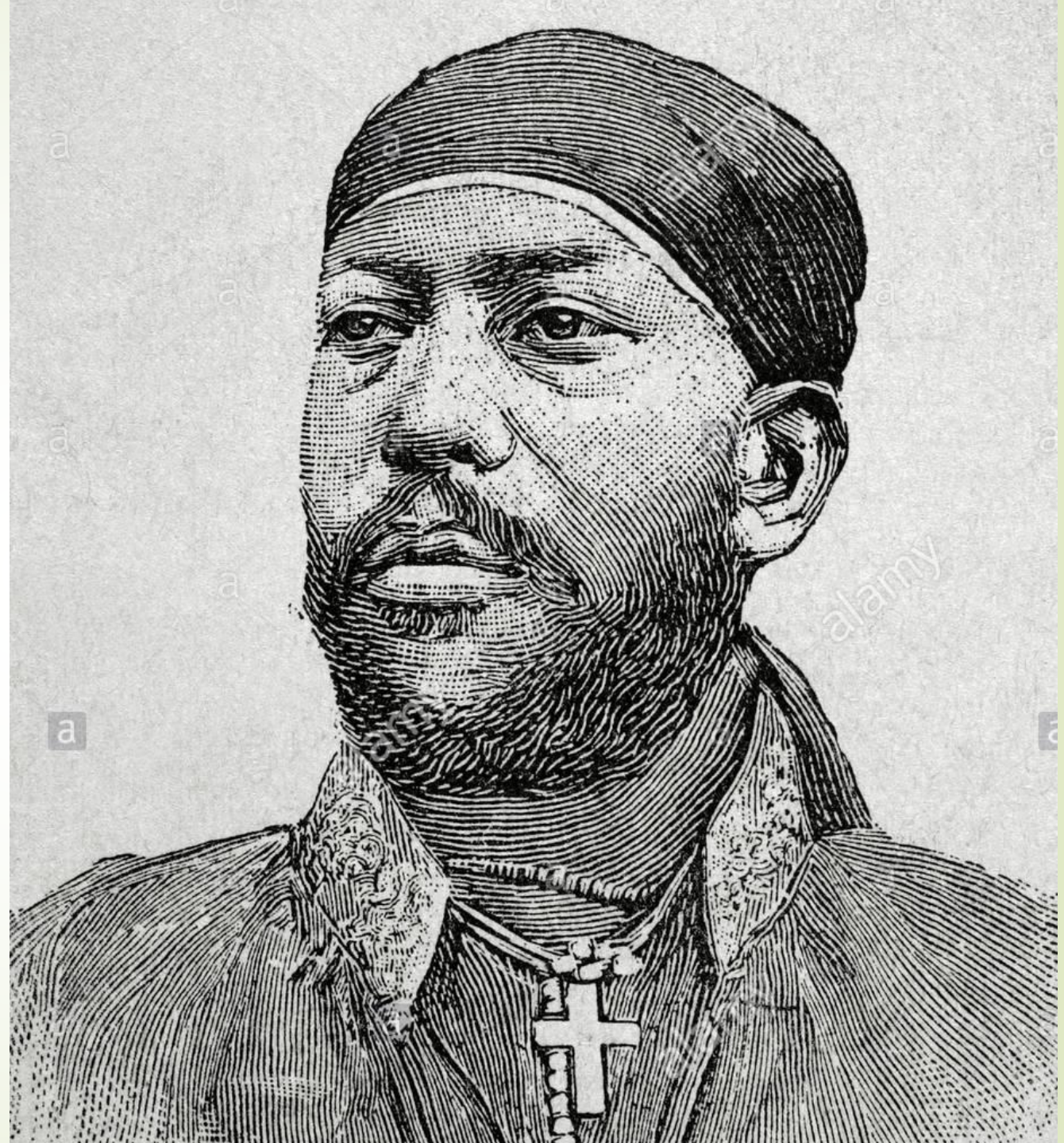
Success: Ethiopia

- The only African country that managed to successfully resist colonization and maintain its independence from the Italians
- During King Menelik's rise to power, the Italians allied with him with hopes that Menelik would eventually surrender his power to them
- Language within a treaty brought up an controversy



Success: Ethiopia

- ▶ Menelik modernized and reformed Ethiopia
 - ▶ Built modern roads, bridges and railroads to improve the country's infrastructure.
 - ▶ Set up a western school system
 - ▶ Introduced electricity as well as telephone service.
 - ▶ Founded Ethiopia's first modern bank and postal system.



Failure: Maji-Maji Rebellion

- Germany established its control over Tanzania with an oppressive regime that bred discontent and resentment
- Maji-Maji = “Sacred Water”
- The belief that the Maji-Maji would protect them in battle led to many casualties
- Although the Maji Maji Uprising was ultimately unsuccessful, it did lead to reforms



Failure: South Africa- Anglo/Zulu War

- Wanted the lands of the Zulu, the Boers and the independent free black states to create South Africa
- British gave the Zulu King an ultimatum that was impossible to satisfy
- Zulus defeated the British at Isandlwana which launched the British into a full scale offensive assault, which quickly ended the war in Britain favor



Failure: South Africa Boer Wars

- Demonstrated the inadequacy of 19th century military methods
- Raised issues of whether conscription should be brought in
- Use of concentration camps



Failure: South Africa

- The Union of South Africa's constitution set up a government run by whites and created a system of racial segregation (apartheid)
- Civil Rights resistance did occur but nothing fruitfully until 1994 when apartheid ended and Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black President





Review:

Success

- Ethiopia
 - Ruled by an African
 - Reformed and Modernized the country

Failures

- Maji-Maji Rebellion
 - Belief of Sacred Water
- South Africa
 - Ill-equipped for battle
 - Apartheid