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The Belgian Congo has an area of 918,000 square miles, that is as much as the combined areas of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Montana.

Population: 12,000,000 colored people, 30,000 Whites.

The Belgian Congo is the largest world's producer of radium, cobalt, copal and diamonds; ranks second in the production of copper and palm-oil; and is among the largest producers of gold and tin. The Congo production constitutes an important contribution to the war effort of the Allied Nations.

The Belgian State has invested 60,000,000 dollars in the Belgian Congo; Belgian private undertakings, 300,000,000 dollars.

Even essential perfume oils from flowers are produced in the Belgian Congo, some of which are found on volcanoes at a height of 13,000 ft.

In 1900 there was only one railroad in the Belgian Congo, 170 miles long. Today the Congo railroads extend over 3,500 miles.

Over 200 dialects are spoken in the Belgian Congo, three of which are understood in nearly every district and fifty in a wide area.



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