

His Highness, King Daudi Chwa, of Uganda, and his Consort.

LOUISIANA AND THE SOUTHWEST

of New Orleans, La., has recently au- attending school together. thorized the building of a 38 room brick building for the Valena C. Jones School for colored children. Miss Fannie C. Williams, principal of the school, is doing much social work among the colored people of this community.

I An old frame building, which was used for the hospital at Prairie View State College, recently burned at a loss of \$30,000.

THE PACIFIC AND MOUN-TAIN STATES

The Negro population of the Palo Verde Valley, California, has won its

fight against a "jim crow" school for its children. As a result, Mexicans, The Orleans Parish School Board, colored, white and Indian children are

EUROPE

The King of Belgium has founded a Belgian Colonial Institute for fostering scientific research and economic knowledge.

A Colonial International Exposition is planned to take place in Paris in 1930.

A conference has been held at \$400,000,000. High Leigh, Hoddesdon, England, on the subject of sexual morality among primitive peoples, especially in Africa. Scientists, missionaries and adminis-

was not a single person of Negro descent in attendance.

In the Junior Clinical-Surgical examination held in September by University College Hospital, London, Mr. I. A. Adjaye of the Gold Coast stood third in the First Class division. At the University of London, Mr. A. O. Larbi of the Gold Coast, passed his examination for Bachelor of Laws in September.

Two appeals from West Africa are being heard by the English Privy Council. One relates to a claim to land, and the other is an appeal against the Supreme Court of Nigeria which suspended a lawyer named Zizer from practicing.

EAST AFRICA

I Ras Taffari Makonnen, Regent of Abyssinia, has been crowned negus, or king, by the Empress Zauditu in the presence of the officers of State, and the diplomatic corps. The King-regent received a tremendous ovation. There was a religious ceremony at the cathedral and a procession through the streets of the capital, Addis Ababa. Over 40,000 troops and 200,000 people took part in the celebration. The Empress is the granddaughter of Menelik and ascended the throne September 27, 1916, succeeding the Emperor Yasu.

The Prince of Wales on his visit to Uganda was escorted by 250 war canoes to the capital, Entebbe. He was greeted by His Highness, Sir Daudi Chwa II, K. C. M. G., M. B. E., who is the Kabaka or King of Uganda. The king was born August 8, 1896. He was dressed in a long scarlet cloak, embroidered with gold over a white robe, and wore a white fez, and leopard skin boots. The queen was in a European costume of blue silk with hat and sunshade.

THE BELGIAN CONGO Professor H. Baudhuin of Louvain University, has estimated on the basis of stock exchange quotations, 1928, the value of the investments in the Belgian Congo as follows: mining, \$50,040,-000; railways, \$191,820,000; industrial enterprise, \$861,800,000; other enterprises, \$97,300,000; state propefty, \$97,300,000. Total, \$1,298,260,-000. This valuation concerns only the developed part of the Congo and does not take into account the enormous territory not yet being exploited. Last year, the Congo Companies paid in dividends \$2,496,000, of which \$705,000 went to the State. The Professor estimates that the total cost of the Congo to Belgium, up to date, has been about

WEST AFRICA

The Bishop of Sierre Leone has appointed the Reverend J. L. C. trators were present. Apparenty there (Will you please turn to page 423)

THE CRISIS

THE MONO-MATAPA

THE African World quotes Leo Frobenius, who has just gone on a scientific expedition to South Africa:

"Mono-Matapa," said Professor Frobenius, "was undoubtedly a very great kingdom, and from documents which are now in our possession it is apparent that its rulers wielded great power. This document, which is of Portuguese origin, and was, no doubt, prepared at the time of the Portuguese emigration, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, shows that the religious beliefs and customs of the inhabitants of this place were not of the kind that existed in Solomon's time, a view which has previously been held by many who have carried out explora-

tion of these parts. "I hope to find in parts of this great former kingdom evidence of habitation from which to obtain accurate information concerning these old institutions. It is possible, if we get this informationand Iam prepared to stay there until I have—we shall be able to reconstruct this old Empire and its architecture and find its relationship to the old cultures. The Kings and Emperors of Mono-Matapa used to observe very curious customs. The King was very powerful, and conducted courts of justice and sacrifice in the spring and at harvest time. Every seventh year, however, he was killed by the people and a new King was crowned. This is a very old custom, which was observed on the borders of the Indian Ocean.

"Such knowledge as this helps us to reconstruct the character and type or style of their civilization. It is by securing information of this character that we hope eventually to discover the time of the foundation of the kingdom of Mono-Matapa. The name in itself means 'Prince of the Mine,' for the area was a great mineral centre, from which much gold and many rubies and diamonds were apparently extracted long before man had learned to use stones and metals. In the desert I hope to find pottery which will enable us to establish the relationship of this old civilization to that in other parts of the world.

"Another link which we hope to study in an effort to trace the development of civilization in these parts will be accomplished through the discovery of some pictures on stone, which portray animals and hunting people with bows and arrows. These are unquestionably Bushmen pictures, found in many parts of Africa."

Dr. Frobenius, concluding, said that he had been preparing for this explora- education. What the individual can do, tion, which was his ninth, for twenty- the race can do, provided that the educafive years, and during the long period

he hoped would now yield him early discovery of the long-waited details of this former kingdom.

THE FAR HORIZON

EDUCATION IN AFRICA

FORMER Governor of the Gold Coast who founded Achimota said recently in London:

Every backward race has a civilization of its own. This civilization has not remained unchanged throughout the ages. Although some of them are very old, the institutions of tribal government and the general life of the people to-day are not exactly the same as in the beginning. They are what the changing needs and general mental development of the race have evolved in the course of many generations. This is the natural, and only sound, method on which the African races should continue their evolution. But every year sees the African races come in closer touch with the advanced civilization of the West. Every year the African sees, more and more, the benefits which he can derive from some vise a system by which he can discriminate between those of our institutions edge. This will certainly lead to the gradual destruction of African civilizaprocess has begun. Although ground has been lost, it is not irretrievable, but the next few years form a psychological period in the mental and moral development of the African races. Our task is to give them such education as will lead to their acquiring the knowledge necessary to the wise selection of those of their own institutions to be discarded, retained, or blended with the institutions of Western civilization. We cannot do this without their help.

leaders, and the sound and thorough primary education that will enable the masses to select and understand their own leaders. In adopting such a programme, it follows that we must credit the African races with the capacity to attain eventually the mental development of the European or American. There is no scientific proof which contradicts this belief. On the other hand, individual Africans have made valuable contributions to their respective countries after receiving a sound Western tional errors of the past are rectified. had been accumulating knowledge, which Summing up, it is our duty, as members

of the Christian nations of Western civilization, to give the races over which we are ruling the opportunities which our own ancestors has had: and sufficient time to take advantage of them, before we can consign them to the limbo of the uneducable.

The Gold Coast Independent, a Negro paper, adds:

It does sound rather strange and funny to us that in these days the opinion should gain widespread currency in high places-official and otherwise-that the African is not capable of evolving his society without suffering the loss of his national individuality. Those who so share this preposterous view maintain, in pressing home their case, that in his endeavor to assimilate Western Civilization the African becmes denationalized, detribalized, or a sort of "social monster" utterly useless both unto himself and his people. To show that this is a philosophical absurdity which is scientifically untenable as well as to delineate the lines on which he can safely adapt of our institutions. Unless we can de- himself to Western Civilization without endangering and destroying his national identity is the sole purpose and chief which will benefit him, and those which aim of this undertaking to which these will not, he will imitate without knowl- columns are devoted. We venture to say that by no stretch of the imagination can we reconcile ourselves with the view tions, and the promiscuous adoption of that is being so insistently put forward institutions which the masses will not by the advocates of this queer notion, have had the time or the knowledge to nor can we for a single moment condigest. In some parts of Africa this ceive how it can be earnestly urged, by any sane man or body of men who are possessed of reason and commonsense, that the African is by nature and destiny doomed to remain in statu quo ante infinitely, and that to him and none else civilization, social progress, moral elevation and development are meaningless ideas which he can neither understand

WHITE AUSTRALIA

We must, therefore, give them the opportunties for a higher education that A grants out by giving them a test will permit of the development of in "a modern language". The Officials deliberately choose some modern language which they know the colored emigrant is not acquainted with. The following clipping comes from a Melbourne paper and is headed "Fails in German Test".

> When Oliver Alkno Clarke, a young native of Jamaica (West Indies) failed to pass a dictation test in German a charge of being a prohibited immigrant was preferred against him by officers of the Customs department. He appeared before Mr. A. A. Kelley, P.M., at the City Court on Tuesday.

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