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## UNCLE SAM'S ACQUISITION.

The purchase of the Danish West India Islands by the United States puts it in possession of a strategic key to the Caribbean sea and relieves Denmark of a drain on her resources, commensurate the Ottawa Citizen. The convention follows closely the terms of the treaty of Paris of 1898 between the United States and Spain as regards the status of the inhabitants of the islands, their property and citizenship and it is understood that the compensation to Denmark amounts to \$4,500,000. It is regarded as a strong point by the framers of the treaty that the people of the islands are to have a voice in the question of cession. The treaty itself contains no reference to a plebiscite, but the Danish government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty it will submit the question of cession to the public of the islands. Not much objection is expected from these people, as the treaty is so framed that they are not called on to surrender their Danish allegiance and they may remain Danes in fact and in name while enjoying whatever advantages in a commercial way may result from a transfer of the islands to the United States.

The Danish West Indies comprise three islands, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, all within sight of each other. They cover about 127 square miles, and the population is estimated at about 30,000. Denmark has been the possessor of the islands since 1671, but they have never been a great source of revenue, and for many years it has cost Denmark much money in excess of revenue to maintain them. Charlotte Amalie is the largest place on St. Thomas Island. There are comparatively few whites on the islands, not more than 17 per cent. of the population. The blacks are of a superior class and have the same rights and privileges as the whites. There is no such thing as a color line there. Education is compulsory and all the children, white and black, go to school between the ages of seven and thirteen. In the churches there is also an absence of all distinction as to color, and there is no line drawn in business. Inter-marriage between natives and whites is nothing unusual and clergy-men of the various denominations never refuse to perform the marriage ceremony between white and black men and women. There seems to be a misunderstanding as to the language used by the people in the Danish West Indies. The fact is that everybody speaks English, and although the official language is Danish, English is used in the schools as well as in the court of justice.

## THE FUTURE OF THE BOER.

Humanity will be staggered by the growth of Johannesburg, if that city is to fulfil Lord Milner's predictions that a community of five million souls will find a home on the Rand within ten years.—Toronto Telegram.

Lord Milner is a very conservative gentleman, points out the Ottawa Citizen, and if he actually committed himself to such a statement it must be within the range of probabilities. The Transvaal has been a source of surprise and will continue to be. In view of its natural resources, its excellent climate, its fertility, its coal, iron and coal deposits, there is no reason why the new colonies in South Africa should not one day become another United States. The clearing away of the Boer approximates the pushing out of the Indian nations in America. The Boer neither developed the country himself, nor allowed others to do it any more than he could and the ultimate crisis arrived when the advance of civilization and commerce would not be denied. When the country is pacified there is no reason why its settlement should not proceed with phenomenal rapidity.

We have always entertained the idea that one of the most potent factors in putting an end to the war

would be to reopen the country to settlement and commerce. It would go forward with such a boom that the lingering remnant of the Boers would find themselves ignored and fall into the position of roving desperadoes which is their real relation to the scheme of things. The British government has been gradually moving on those lines, and has no doubt been wise in not being in too much hurry about it as up to a certain stage of the war the danger exists of permission to enter the country being taken advantage of by an advance guard of frothy adventurers intent on reinforcing the Boer commandos. That trade and commerce is being gradually re-established is apparent from the increased returns of the output of gold and the gradual resumption of a confident tone in the quotations on the stock market.

The probability of a great influx of population as the war closes, however, makes unnecessary any anxiety as to the future of the Boer in his relation to British sovereignty in the Transvaal. In a comparatively short time after the war ends the Boer will be such a minor factor in the population as to remove him beyond the possibility of affording a racial problem. The Boer will be swamped, hopelessly outnumbered and probably entirely assimilated in one generation. As a "race problem" he will be a less considerable factor than a few shiploads of alien immigrants. Nearly 25,000 of them are already being prepared for the assimilation process in the prison camps of Cape Colony, St. Helena, Bermuda and Ceylon.

## NOT AN HONORARY MEMBER.

Belleville Ontario.  
Mrs. Soffel, of Pittsburgh, is entitled to be considered an active member of the Prisoners' Aid Association.

## TWO TENDENCIES.

Guelph Herald.  
The sentiment in favor of public ownership is growing stronger. So is the grip of the corporations on public franchises.

## ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Philadelphia Times.  
Republicans are still trying to find a kind of reciprocity that will take all it can get and give nothing in return. They will never succeed.

## GO 'WAY BACK AND SMOKE UP!

London News.  
The Washington Post is of the opinion that Canada should cease assisting Britain or else be forced to become a part of the United States. We would respectfully remind the Post that the three last seats are for smokers.

## A BAD EXAMPLE.

Toronto Star.  
If the Biddle brothers did not resist, nor offer to resist, the Pittsburgh police, the officers should be called on to explain why they made no attempt to take them alive into custody. The law goes gunning too much in the States.

## THE MACHINE NOT IN DANGER.

Montreal Gazette.  
A bill to kill "the machine" is spoken of as a probability at the present session of the Ontario Legislature. Its finish will be in sight the moment it makes its appearance. To kill the machine would be to kill Ross, and Ross is not of the suicidal mania kind.

## A SMART SALESMAN.

Judge.  
Jeweler (to new boy)—Did you sell anything while I was out, Johnny?  
"Yes, sir. I sold six plain gold rings."  
"Good, my boy," said the jeweler, highly pleased. "We'll make a first class salesman of you one of these days. You got the regular price, of course?"  
"Oh, yes, sir. The price was marked on the inside, 18c, and the salesman took all that was left, sir."

## The Bear Was at Home.

A woman travelling abroad narrates the following experience: She had occasion to go to the British embassy at a certain spot, which shall be nameless, to see the ambassador, who, however, proved to be away with his wife at a neighboring health resort. The visitor asked for the first secretary, who, unfortunately, was on leave in England. The woman said that the second secretary would do as well, but he happened to be in attendance upon his wife, who was in a hospital.  
Was the third secretary there? No. He was on leave too. The bottle washer might be in, perchance? No. He was shooting in England. The second bottle washer? He, unfortunately, was an invalid and rarely came to the embassy. The military attaché? He was on leave. The archivist? He was fishing in Scotland.  
The visitor had heard of two junior secretaries, whose custom it was to transact their duties in company with a pet bear. Did they happen to be in? Unfortunately, they were away playing polo. And the bear? Yes, the bear was at home. The visitor, however, did not feel equal to interviewing the bear single handed and left.

Money and blood should both be kept in circulation.

## SEVEN TO ONE

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## Anaesthetics in China.

A Chinese manuscript in the Paris library proves that anaesthetics for surgical purposes were used in China 1,700 years ago. It states that when a surgeon conducted a serious operation he gave a decoction to the patient, who after a few moments became as insensible as if he were dead. Then, as the case required, the surgeon performed the operation—incision or amputation—and removed the cause of the malady. Then he brought together and secured the tissues and applied liniments. "After a certain number of days the patient recovered without having experienced the slightest pain during the operation."

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There is generally something crooked about a straight tip.

## "SCARRED FOR LIFE"

Skin diseases in many cases may need the "inward" application to remove the taint from the blood.

But many a once handsome countenance is "scarred for life" for lack of using such a healing agent as Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Only needs a few applications of this magic healer to any skin disease to clear away all signs of outward disorder and leave the affected part as smooth and soft as an infant's cheek.

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

## Some Startling Facts

That should be considered at this season of the year when coughs and colds are so prevalent causing Bronchitis Catarrh which usually ends with consumption. From reports by eminent physicians there are ten million consumptives in America, and constantly being added to by neglected colds and influenza.

**The Prussian Oil**  
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## Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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Composed of men and women that spend heart and soul in the vain effort to overcome a lack of vigor in the body. To replace inertia by vigor, to make good, red blood that will build up the system to have strong nerves, you must eat more, digest more, assimilate more. How can it be done? By using Ferro-China. It invigorates, strengthens, possesses magical health giving powers. Get Ferro-China to-day and make yourself strong and well. Sold by McCall & Co.

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## THE BUSY CASH STORE

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That the stores that buy for cash and sell for cash are in a class by themselves when it comes to downright bargain giving. Here's a list of goods and prices we are proud of—prices that cash buying and cash selling alone could make possible. It is meant to give us one of the biggest day's business we have had this year. The prices represent bigger savings than even this store is accustomed to give.

Lace Curtains at 25c a pair, Nottingham make, 2 1/2 yards long, taped edges, choice patterns, special a pair 50c.

100c Satins at 58c Yard, about 300 yards in the lot, rich, heavy quality, 27 in. wide, in colors black, navy, cardinal, purple, mauve, electric, buttercup, cerise and purple, great value at \$1 a yard, Saturday

75c French Serge at 49c, 1 piece navy serge, medium weight, 46 in. wide, pure French wool, best indigo dye, regular 75c yard, Saturday

100c Cheviots at 50c, 3 pieces heavy cheviot suiting, pure wool, 46 and 48 in. wide, in rich shades of mid and dark brown, regular 75c, 85c and \$1 a yard, special Saturday

Heavy Prints at 5c Yard, 30 pieces good, strong prints, fast colors, in light and dark patterns, special per yard

Wide heavy prints at 10c yard—60 pieces extra wide heavy prints, large range of new patterns, light and dark, guaranteed fast colors, good value at 12 1/2c yard, special

75c lambs wool vests at 58c—3 dozen ladies fine lambs wool vests, superior quality, long sleeves, buttoned front, in white and natural, our best 75c kind, Saturday each

10c embroideries at 5c yard—22 pieces fine swiss embroidery and insertions, pretty open work patterns, 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide, regular 7c, 8c and 10c yard, Saturday

40c wool toques at 25c—fine wool toques, in white and colors, regular 40c each, Saturday

65c camel's hair tams at 39c each—2 dozen only camel's hair tams O'Shaners, full shape, in assorted colors, regular 50c and 65c each, Saturday

Wide heavy flannellettes at 8c yard—20 pieces extra wide heavy flannellettes, fine finish, in plain and stripes, good value at 10c yard, special at

\$7.50 ladies' coats at \$3.89—Saturday you can have your pick of 28 ladies' coats, this season's latest styles, in black, gray and navy, sizes 30 to 42 inches, regular price up to \$7.50

Saturday  
Ladies' fur capes—Rich Astrachan curls, full sweep, rich black Italian linings, large storm collar—Length 33 inches, worth \$18.00, at \$14.90.  
Length 30 inches, worth \$16.00, at \$13.48.  
Length 27 inches, worth \$14.00, at \$11.48.

CLOTHING BARGAINS.  
18 pair men's Solid Tweed Pants in dark stripe patterns, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pair, Saturday

10 only, Men's Fine Tweed Suits—Pure wool, neat patterns, medium and heavy weight, extra well made, and lined. Sizes 35 to 42 in., regular \$7.50 to \$8.50 each, Saturday

Men's Black Overcoats—Fine Beaver cloth, fashionable cut, fly front, velvet collar, Italian lining, sizes 35 in. to 40c, good value at \$9, each, Saturday

Special sale of sheetings. Pillow cottons, cambrics, bleached cottons, grey cottons, etc., at away below regular prices.

## The Northway Company, Limited, CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE

# Horse Overcoats

A man bought one of our Horse Blankets last week. He was so pleased with it that he uses it on his bed, and he would not take double the price he paid for it if he could not get another. We have a few more of the same kind left.

T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited, Flour and Woolen Mills

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To do yourself justice, as well as your purse, all intending buyers must see our stock. We might add that should anybody be dissatisfied with any purchase, we will gladly refund money. Every garment a perfect fit, workmanship and linings the best.

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## Geo. Stephens & Douglas.

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## Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply at the residence of P. D. McKellar, Victoria Avenue.

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TO RENT!—Blacksmith Shop, with tools or without. House in connection. Apply to Ed. Fleming, Dover Centre.

SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE—One on Victoria Avenue, and six on Maple street. For full particulars apply to S. Stephenson, Planet Office.

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