

TO DIRECT FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA Much May Depend Upon Outcome of Convention Held at Durban

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—The future of half a continent depends upon the views of the men who are now gathered in Durban. Upon thirty of the leaders of public opinion in the several self-governing states of South Africa falls the responsibility of attempting to solve a problem which has twice proved insoluble. To them has been given the task of trying to devise a central government for the whole of South Africa—a government which in time will rule all the vast territory from the Cape to the Zambesi.

South African born lawyer, and became Chief Whip of the Transvaal Opposition when Mr. Abbe Bailey resigned. It would have been better had a commercial man been included in his place. The Natal delegates are not well known outside their own colony. Mr. Moor, the Premier, is a digger turned farmer. He represented Natal at the last Colonial Conference in London. Mr. Morcom is a lawyer who was attorney-general of the Transvaal during the British occupation of 1848. Lieutenant-Colonel Greene is a lawyer with a taste for farming and taking part in native wars. Mr. Evelyn is a medical man who has held public office in Natal for many years. Mr. Smyth is a farmer and ex-Prime Minister who before long will probably oust Mr. Moor. Like most Natal Premier he has a taste for quarrelling (on paper) with the Imperial Government. The Natal delegates are federalists. Mr. Moor has openly expressed himself against unification, and Sir Henry de Villiers and Mr. Smuts will find their most convinced opponents in the men of the Garden Colony.

EVADE PATENT LAW RECENTLY ENACTED How Foreign Manufactures Dodge "Protective" Measure Now Made Law

London, Dec. 20.—It was foreseen when the Patents and Designs Act was passed that some plan would be discovered for saving foreign manufacturers from all the consequences of the enactment requiring "British" patented articles to be made "to an adequate extent in the United Kingdom. In France and the United States, where a kindred law prevails, evasion is practised by the introduction of foreign manufactured articles, leaving only the finishing processes to be carried out in the country which protects itself with a patent law. Now a syndicate, composed of German, American, Russian and French capitalists is coming to the help of foreign manufacturers and patentees affected by it. It is said, acquire about twenty large factories in different parts of England and there manufacture the patented articles, or carry out the processes at cost price, charging a small commission on the largest manufacturer in the world. The modern village, equipped with having either to build or hire factories in the United Kingdom, furnish them with plant, and keep large staffs of workmen.

WHAT THEY DRINK Members of French Chamber of Deputies Refresh Themselves While Speaking

Paris, Dec. 20.—Americans who have visited the French Chamber of Deputies where each member speaks from a raised tribune instead of from his seat, will have noticed that, as any well-known English orator in a chair, the tribune of the states is shrouded in the breeches and dress-coats which wear large silver chains, hurries to the tribune with a tray of drinks. Water with extract of orange-juice in it, M. Paul Deschanel drinks. Evilly wine, Jaurès, coffee and lemonade. M. Delcassé drinks water with extract of orange-juice in it. M. Paul Deschanel drinks. Evilly wine, Jaurès, coffee and lemonade. M. Delcassé drinks water with extract of orange-juice in it. M. Paul Deschanel drinks. Evilly wine, Jaurès, coffee and lemonade. M. Delcassé drinks water with extract of orange-juice in it.

THE CHRISTMAS STAMP Every Stamp a Bullet in the Fight Against Tuberculosis.

A little red one cent stamp about the size of a Government stamp, with "Merry Christmas" and a red cross among holly leaves upon it—this hardly seems like a promising agent to use against tuberculosis. It cannot even carry a letter. How can it rouse public interest and raise funds? Well, it can, it has—and the story of its start is worth telling to all those interested in tuberculosis work. The Christmas stamp in America started in Delaware in 1898, and there was a Christmas stamp in Denmark issued by the Government, sold through the post-offices and with the King's head on it upon it—the same as our Anglo-Saxon Yule. Jacob A. Rills wrote an article about this stamp in the Outlook of July, 1898, and urged its adoption in America. In Denmark its annual sale has built and financed a hospital for tuberculosis children.

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South Africa and the Natives. The Standard of Empire, in discussing the difficulties in the way of South African confederation, says: "The difficulties arising from the mere size of the area with which the confederation has to deal, and the means of the only difficulties that have to be taken into account, in the second article of this series the question of native policy will come up. In so far as it governed the attitude of the delegates of Cape Colony, it is, therefore, not necessary to enter into the further detailed discussion of this question. It need not be said that in the eyes of every thinking man of South Africa the question of native policy is the crucial test of the work of the confederation. There are two alternatives. Either the native population is to be recognized as capable of having political and legal rights equal to those of the white man, or it is not to be so recognized."

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Work has been done on Roman sites in the north and south. At Corbridge, near Hexham, have been revealed the remains of the most massive and most extensive Roman building ever discovered in the north of England. Here on the site of what was evidently a considerable Romano-British city well preserved remains of no less than 100 public buildings. They range from a light, lying some seven or eight feet below the level of the cornfields to the excavated place toward the end of the fourth century. The diameter of the ring is four times that of the ring at Stonehenge, and the stones at Avebury are much larger than those at Stonehenge. The excavations this year have been confined to the great fosse, which at one point has been cleared to the bottom. The excavations at the Stone Age are at the latest at the beginning of the Bronze Age.

Table of market prices including items like Cauliflower, Cabbage, Beans, etc. with prices per lb or per dozen.

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High grade, select patterns, but owing to their late arrival we have priced these vests at one-fourth less than their regular values \$2.00 to \$7.00

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THE LOCAL MARKETS Retail Prices

Table of local market prices for various goods like Flour, Eggs, etc.

THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA In the matter of Joseph Tariton deceased Intestate, and In the matter of Section 14, Range 6, THE ANTIPODES. TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of January, A.D. 1909, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, will be held a public sale of the premises known as the "The Antipodes" in the District of Kamloops, Province of British Columbia, by the undersigned, Auctioneer for the said Joseph Tariton deceased, and for such other purposes as may be necessary. Dated this 21st day of December, A.D. 1908. H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, Solicitor for Administrator. To the Heirs of Arthur May, late of Kamloops District and Province of British Columbia.

British Expenditure. There has, according to the Standard of Empire, been a net increase in the annual expenditure of the British Government since the first year of the Boer war. Of this total fourteen millions are accounted for by the army and five millions are due to the added cost of the civil service, and eight millions have been added to the debt charges in consequence of the increase in the national indebtedness caused by carrying on the war.

THE FOUR REMAINING SHOPPING DAYS

Will be eventful ones for those shopping at THE BIG STORE. For these last days we have an array of values that are, to say the least, out of the ordinary. Since the first of the month our store has been crowded every day, and our facilities will be tested to the utmost for the next four days. However, we have a largely increased staff, and will be able to give you the best of service. Kindly shop as early in the day as is possible.

SPECIAL FOUR DAYS' SALE OF FINE CHINA

For the next four business days we intend making things hum in our Crockery Department. We have gone over our stock thoroughly, and have grouped lines at the following prices mentioned. Many of these articles are worth far more than the price asked, some are worth double, but our desire is to give unusually good values for the remaining days before Christmas. You will be surprised to see what you can buy High Grade China for. Nothing but buying in large quantities and for cash enables us to offer such values. You will see articles here at less prices than many dealers can buy them for, and all the difference in price is a saving to you. Our entire Broad Street window space is devoted to a showing of special values in China.



Articles at 10c PUDDING BOWLS COAT HANGERS PLATES SAUCE DISHES CUPS & SAUCERS And many other articles, Choice at 10¢	Articles at 15c FRUIT SAUCERS PIN TRAYS ASH TRAYS CREAM JUGS TEA POT STANDS GLASS VASES And other articles. Choice at 15¢	Articles at 15c PUDDING BOWLS PIE DISHES TEA POTS SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS CANDLE SHADES And other lines. Choice at 15¢	Articles at 25c CREAM JUGS MILK JUGS FRUIT BOWLS PUDDING BOWLS BON BON TEA POT STANDS PIN TRAYS ASH TRAYS Choice at 25¢	Articles at 25c OLIVE DISHES SPOON TRAYS NUT BOWLS SOAP DISHES SHAVING MUGS BREAD & BUTTER PLATES DESSERT PLATES Choice at 25¢
Articles at 25c CAKE PLATES TEA CUPS & SAUCERS AFTER DINNER CUPS & SAUCERS CHOCOLATE CUPS & SAUCERS FRUIT SAUCERS Choice at 25¢	Articles at 50c CELERY TRAYS SPOON TRAYS BON BONS CREAM & SUGAR SETS CREAM JUGS BREAD & BUTTER PLATES Choice at 50¢	Articles at 50c DESSERT PLATES SALAD BOWLS FANCY VASES FANCY TEA CUPS & SAUCERS CHOCOLATE CUPS & SAUCERS TOAST RACKS CHEESE DISHES Choice at 50¢	Articles at 50c MOUSTACHE CUPS & SAUCERS JUMBO CUPS & SAUCERS HAT PIN HOLDERS PUFF BOXES HAIR RECEIVERS CARD RECEIVERS Choice at 50¢	Articles at 75c BISCUIT JARS BREAD & BUTTER PLATES DESSERT PLATES TEA PLATES HAT PIN HOLDERS FANCY VASES Choice at 75¢
Articles at 75c CREAM & SUGAR SETS CHINA TEA POTS CAKE PLATES SALAD BOWLS COMFORTS CELERY TRAYS FERN POTS Choice at 75¢	Articles at 75c COMB & BRUSH TRAYS BISCUIT JARS BREAD & BUTTER PLATES DESSERT PLATES TEA PLATES HAT PIN HOLDERS Choice at 75¢	Articles at 75c FANCY VASES TOAST RACKS WATER JUGS FANCY CUPS & SAUCERS SPOON TRAYS HOT WATER JUGS FANCY MILK JUGS Choice at 75¢	Articles at \$1.00 FRUIT BOWLS SALAD BOWLS BRUSH & COMB TRAYS CELERY DISHES CRACKER JARS SUGAR & CREAM SETS OLIVE DISHES Choice at \$1.00	Articles at \$1.00 ARTISTIC VASES JARDINIERS HOT WATER JUGS BUTTER DISHES BON BON DISHES TEA PLATES MAYONNAISE DISHES Choice at \$1.00

Monday Sale of Feather Boas

Handsome Boas About Half-Price

This offering includes some of our nicest Boas, rich handsome Ostrich Feather and other Boas. They are to be had in white, grey, brown and black. This offering makes it possible for you to get high grade boas at half and less than half the regular prices. On sale Monday morning, 8.30 a.m., at the following prices:

Feather Boas, worth \$10.00 Monday morning for ...	Feather Boas, worth \$20.00 Monday morning for ...	Feather Boas, worth \$35.00 Monday morning for ...
\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00

\$22.50 and \$25.00 Evening Coats for \$14.50

Tomorrow you can buy a Novelty Evening Coat at small cost. The coats are all handsome styles, made up of fine quality all wool broadcloth in light and attractive shades for evening wear. They are prettily trimmed with silk braids and fancy trimmings. Some are lined with silk, some half lined, and still others are unlined. These beautiful coats are much less than the bare cost of materials and making. They will be on sale Monday morning at 8.30 a.m. Reg. \$22.50 and \$25.00. Monday ... **\$14.50**

The Latest Neckwear Novelties

Just arrived by express, the last parcel of Novelty Neckwear, sent along from a factory in the east by our buyer. These are the very latest neckwear novelties, we might say the last word for style. Lace, Chiffon, Silk styles to suit everybody. Prices ranging from \$3.75 to ... **25c**

Monday Sale of Men's Smoking Jackets

Coats Worth \$9.50 to \$22.50 for \$6.75

A clearing out of a lot of lines of Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats. This offering contains some of our very best lines, coats that originally were up to \$22.50, in fact some few were still higher. They are made of handsome soft warm cloths in fancy patterns, also some plain with plaid linings. A few of the coats are made of brocade plush, very rich and handsome. They are neatly finished with fancy silk braids and buttons. A rare chance to buy a high grade house coat at small cost. Reg. prices \$9.50 to \$22.50. Monday morning choice at ... **\$6.75**

Splendid Values in Gift Books

SHAKESPEARE, in sets of six volumes, India paper, illustrated, large type, per set **\$7.50**
 SCOTT AND BURNS, combined in small set, tartan design, per set ... **\$3.25**
 SHAKESPEARE, in sets of six volumes, small India paper, large print, per set ... **\$5.00**
 SCOTT POETICAL WORKS, five volumes, India paper, small size, per set ... **\$3.50**
 IT IS TO LAUGH. Price ... **75¢**
 WISDOM OF THE WISE. Price ... **60¢**
 REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. Price ... **75¢**
 REFLECTIONS OF THE MORNING AFTER. Price ... **75¢**
 BOOK OF TOASTS. Price ... **75¢**
 THE VERY YOUNG MAN AND THE ANGEL CHILD, by Armstrong. Price ... **60¢**
 THROUGH THE YEAR WITH EMERSON, TENNYSON, LONGFELLOW, each ... **\$1.00**
 HELP TO HAPPINESS, price ... **75¢**
 LOVE AND ROCKS, by Ritchards. Price ... **75¢**
 MRS. TREE AND MRS. TREE'S WILL. Price ... **75¢**
 FOR TOMMY, by Ritchards, price **75¢**
 COURTESHIP OF MILES STANDISH, dainty gift edition. Price ... **50¢**
 EVANGELINE, gift edition, price ... **50¢**
 HIAWATHA, gift edition, price ... **50¢**
 THE CYNIC'S DICTIONARY, price **75¢**
 STUNG, price ... **50¢**
 STUNG AGAIN, price ... **50¢**

Christmas Slippers Special for Monday

Women's Velvet Julietts, red, green, purple and wine colors, fur trimmed to match, hand turned soles. Special for Monday ... \$1.25	CARPET SLIPPERS, LEATHER SOLES Sizes 8 to 10, Child's ... 50¢ Sizes 11 to 2, Misses' and Boys' ... 60¢ Sizes 3 to 7, Women's and Boys' ... 75¢ Sizes 6 to 11, Men's ... \$1.00	Men's Black Kid Romeo Slippers, hand turned soles. Special for Monday ... \$1.50
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MEN'S FINE WHITE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, selva edge, extra full size, regular prices 35c, 40c and 50c. Monday's price ... 25¢	MEN'S FANCY CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, woven patterns, white, blue, black and white, heliotrope and other fancy colors, regular price 50c. Monday ... 25¢
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Buy Him Something Useful

MEN'S FINE QUALITY IMPORTED BLACK CASHMERE SOCKS, in parcels of half dozen, tied by colored-ribbon for Christmas presentation, value \$2 for six pairs. Special, six pairs for ... \$1.50	HEAVY BROCADED SILK MUFFLERS, in all shades and fancy designs, at \$1.50, \$1.25 and ... \$1.00
MEN'S WARM STRIPED FLANELLETTE NIGHT SHIRTS, large size bodies and well made. Value \$1.00. Special ... 75¢	

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