

Beit. Will Be a Billionaire.

Special to The Globe. LONDON, Feb. 21. Albert Beit, the richest individual in the world today, and erstwhile partner of Cecil Rhodes in the Kimberley mines, has been sick and it is said may not have a long tenure of life before him.

London, just now, is conjecturing what he will do with his millions, since he is not and never has been married.

Of course he has relatives in Hamburg, from whence he sprang, but his fortune is so enormous, probably seven hundred or eight hundred millions, that the public expects he will do something unique with at least a portion of it, as did his aforementioned partner, the Colossus of South Africa.

Mr. Beit is yet a young man, being in his forty-fifth year, and although he controls the majority of the De Beers stock, has the largest diamond business in the world in Johannesburg, and the copper mines of Rhodesia, owns gold and silver mines in South America, Siberia and Korea, the Onida and Mariposa mines in California and the shares formerly held by Mrs. Hearst in the Amador mine, together with controlling interests in electric street railways in South Africa, Mexico, Chile and Portugal, he is constantly adding to his investments.

Mr. Beit's fortune is due to his long years of patient work with Cecil Rhodes, with whom he was linked in such events as the promotion of the Jameson raid and the buying up of the majority of the diamond mines of South Africa for consolidation.

Each of the enterprises required nerve, and Mr. Beit, tagging along beside his partner, never gave any sign of quitting even when things reached the most critical condition.

Alfred Beit had the advantage of a university education, the same as had his partner Rhodes, and before he ventured to South Africa he served a long apprenticeship to a banking house in his native city.

This over, he started for the new Eldorado at about the same time his present partner, Werner, went out to South Africa.

Beit laid the foundations of his enormous fortune in Kimberley, but he worked on a difficult system to that on which Rhodes' clique built up their fortunes. He and his partners, all Hebrews from Hamburg, bought up claims right and left, disappointed people who had reached the verge of ruin without striking any pay dirt.

It was not till 1899 that Beit went into the sink or swim scheme with Rhodes to consolidate the Kimberley diamond mines, but they were partners thenceforward.

One of the historical incidents of Mr. Beit's career occurred when he paid one of his periodical visits to the Rand. He gave a fancy dress ball to 2000 friends in Johannesburg, which was one of the most magnificent events ever chronicled. Every lady present received as a souvenir a diamond of over a carat weight.

Mr. Beit's big mansion in Park Lane is one of the finest in London, and occupies an enormous amount of space. In it there is a collection of Louis Seize furniture that cannot be duplicated.

One little story they tell around Park Lane concerning the building of Beit's bungalow, as it is called, illustrates the character of the man. In order to build he had to become a ground tenant of the Duke of Westminster, who, of course, as a dyed-in-the-wool aristocrat, looked with some suspicion upon the African mushroom millionaire.

The duke's agents made so many stipulations as to how the building was to be done—elevations not to interfere with views from Grosvenor mansion (the ducal house) or stables to be located in a position where they would be a nuisance and endless other pieces of red tape, which made the diamond Croesus very tired. Finally the duke received a note stating that the duke expected him to spend a minimum of £10,000 on the house. Beit replied that he would expend that amount on his stables.

Mr. Beit is a small man and used to serve admirably as a foil for Cecil Rhodes when the two went out together. The two men were contrasts, mentally and physically. Mr. Beit was a detail man, while Rhodes was a generalizer and hated getting down to petty figures. Mr. Beit is a blonde, with steel blue eyes, Mr. Rhodes a decided German accent. He is one of the quietest men imaginable and dresses with exquisite taste according to the standard of the London clubman.

It has been a subject of endless perturbation to the mothers with marriageable daughters that even if the enormous bungalow has remained so long without a mistress.

Endless opportunities have been presented to the queen of the hour to marry, and it is said that some of the greatest catches of the season might have been his, but the intimates of the diamond magnate aver that even if the Queen of Sheba could be reincarnated and offer her hand to him Alfred Beit would remain a bachelor. Of course, so desirable a prospect is so coveted as being engaged to some prominent beauty, but such canards are all made out of the society reporter's imagination.

Between Rhodes and Beit there was a positive chasm so far as social sympathies were concerned. Although they were ideal partners, temperamentally they were as opposite as the poles. Their connection commenced with the consolidation of the De Beers mines, Rhodes, as soon as he had money enough stopped the mere amassing of money and devoted himself to his passion, what he considered the furtherance of the interests of his country in that part of the globe which he had studied so thoroughly. He had achieved his ambition and like many another of his countrymen, felt like doing something for the flag to which he owed the opportunities that had made him.

Mr. Beit will never consider that he has money enough. If he should cheat the doctors and make a hearty old man he will probably be the first billionaire ever chronicled, for with investments such as those in which his millions are now sunk there can be nothing but enormous profits. He will grow so wealthy that a machine will be needed to compute his wealth, for mere human statistics will never be able to keep up with the endless piles of figures which his possessions would total.

Not So Bad. Mrs. Henpeck—I read this morning about man who was arrested twenty minutes after his wedding and sent to prison for fifteen years. Isn't that awful? Mr. Henpeck—Oh, I don't know. The law doesn't compel him to take his wife to prison with him, does it?—Baltimore World.

The Return Courtroom. The Doctor—Are you sure, you never buried anyone else? The Patient—Well, none of your patients, at least.—Chicago Daily News.

The New Wash Silks.

More and prettier patterns and colorings than ever before, and prices exceptionally low.

Japanese Wash Cords in large and small checks, stripes in all colors and white, also solid black and solid white, in many different styles. Best qualities 49c made, at a yard.

Natural Pongees in plain and fancy effects, handsomest designs in the Twin Cities, at 85c to \$1.50

A Taffeta Special.

54-inch Black Taffeta (guaranteed), a beautiful, smooth heavy silk, well worth \$2.25 a yard. Monday special price \$1.59

Dress Goods and Linings

A feast of bargains in the Dress Goods section to-morrow, and prudent buyers will not fall to profit by these price reductions.

- Dress Goods: Black Panama Suitings, 46 inches wide, regularly sold for \$1.00, Monday's price, 69c the yard. Mohair Sicilian (black), 42 inches wide—our regular 75c quality. Special Monday, 49c. Scotch Mixtures, 42 inches wide, in a nice range of colors. Per yard, Monday, 89c. Burlap Suitings, 50 inches wide, in gray, brown and blue; value \$1.00 a yard. Monday, 75c. Linings: Skirting Moreens, 27 inches wide, greens, reds, blues, grays and browns, never sold less than 50c. Monday, 35c. Mercerized Satens, fast black, our regular 20c and 25c qualities. Monday special, 14c. Spin glass, 36 inches wide, best 15c quality. Monday, 10c. Natural Colored Canvas, a big lot for Monday sale—4 quality regularly sold for 15c a yard. Special, one day, only, 5c.

White Goods Specials

- 40-inch White Victoria Lawns, 16c to 23c values for, per yard. 36-inch Sheer India Linon, 12 1/2c. 32-inch fine India Linon and remnants of Madras, Dimity and Lace effects, 12 1/2c. 500 silk-finished white Shirtwaist Patterns—Mersleens, worth 50c to 60c per yard, Special Monday, 3 yards for 95c. White Persian Lawn, 45 inches wide, worth 45c per yard. Monday special, 30c.

Clearance Sale of Ladies' Underwear

An opportunity Monday to buy heavy, medium and light weight winter Underwear way under actual value. We are closing out all odd lots and broken lines—among them are—Ladies' fine Swiss ribbed all-wool vests in natural, sky, pink, white and black; Jersey ribbed vests and pants in natural, white or black; knee length tights; light-weight natural or white union suits with short sleeves. Regular prices are up to \$1.50. To close they are going at choice for 79c.

Art Needlework

- Materials for Needlework at very little prices Monday. 1000 Battenberg Patterns, Scarfs, 36-inch Centerpieces, Collars, etc.—choice of the lot, Monday, 5c. Battenberg Braid, white only, all numbers, 36 yards, each, 17c. New Japanese Drawn-work Dollies, pure linen, 8x8, each, 25c. Tapestry Cushion Tops, assorted colors, 22x22. Extra special, each, 19c. Cushion Tops and Backs, pretty designs, stamped and tinted, sold regularly for 89c and 79c. To close out, each, 29c. Satin Cushion Tops, floral and Oriental designs, 24x24; our regular \$1.25 values. Special, 98c. Mount Mellick Centerpieces, Scarfs, Dollies, etc.—our full line just received.

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and publications are always best. We are St. Paul agents. Subscriptions taken for the Delineator—\$1.00 a year.

Among the Linens

- Three special items—all extra values—at cut prices for Monday only. Good linens for less than you expect to pay. Bleached Barnsley Crash, with red border—all linen and a regular 10c quality. Monday special, yard, 7 1/2c. 72-inch Bleached Satin Damask, extra heavy and will wear as well as a double satin damask. It's a regular \$1.25 quality, but for Monday only the price will be, yard, 98c. Napkins to Match, 24x24. Special Monday, a dozen, \$3.00. Half Bleached Irish Satin Damask, (12 ounces to the yard), worth 75c. A limited quantity Monday at the special price, yard, 50c.

What's the Matter? Do You Want to Know?

Those dull headaches due to eye strain can be entirely relieved by wearing properly adjusted glasses. Consult our optician. Examination free.

Don't Pay Two Prices—We can sell you Monday 10-year quality gold-filled frames, all styles and sizes, for \$1.10. Our usual price for this frame is \$2.00. They would cost you \$2.75 elsewhere. Our price Monday, only, \$1.10. Call and get one of our Magic Eye-glass Cleaners free.

Mail Orders

Are filled same day received. Take advantage of all our advertised bargains. Satisfaction guaranteed.

During February the Store Opens at 8:30 a. m. and Closes at 5:30 p. m. Open Saturdays till 10:00 p. m.

Schuneman's

The Northwest's Greatest Store. Sixth and Wabasha Streets.

The New Wash Goods

Never in the past have we shown so early in the season such an assortment of beautiful spring fabrics as we are now displaying. Everything that is really meritorious is here, and we believe we are justified in asserting that our stock is not excelled west of Chicago.

Heavy English Vestings, 30c to 90c. Imported Swisses, 44 inches wide, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Floradora Pompadour Gauze, imported, 69c. Satin Apris, half silk, 50c. Silk Nouveltes, in black and colors, 25c to 45c. Domestic Swisses, Glasgow Tissues, etc., 25c.

These Special Priced Items for Monday.

- Danish Cloth—All you want now, in cream, black, pink, light and dark blue, tan and green. Don't delay—they won't last long. Per yard, 15c. Pique, light and dark grays, with dots of black, red and white. Per yard, 10c. Sublime Stripes, mercerized, look like silk—in all the new colors—suitable for dresses or waists. Per yard, Monday, 29c. 200 Pieces Barnaby Gingham, in beautiful stripes, checks and plain colors (guaranteed fast). Per yard, 15c.

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes at \$1.95

It behooves you to embrace this opportunity now, for the best sizes and styles are going fast. Our word for it, you never before bought shoes to equal these for so little money. We are offering during this sale women's regular \$3.50 "Ultra" and \$3.00 "Brookport" shoes in 5 different styles, in vicid kid, enamel and patent leather. Shoes for street or dress wear—also men's regular \$2.50 and \$3.50 shoes—at choice for \$1.95.



These in the Bargain Basement

- For convenience in selling we have placed some of the best numbers on sale in basement. These among others: Misses' fine \$1.50 kid lace extension sole shoes, per pair, \$1.00. Misses' fine \$2.00 enamel lace extension sole shoes, pair, \$1.00. Boys' \$1.35 satin calf lace shoes, sizes 11 to 5 1/2, at \$1.00. Boys' \$1.50 calf lace shoes, sizes 2 to 5 1/2, per pair, \$1.00. Women's Rubbers. A most excellent bargain in the basement is a lot of Women's Croquet Rubbers that are regularly sold at 45c a pair. During this sale you get them for 25c.

February Furniture Sale: Better Bargains

We will offer inducements in the big Furniture Department this week to make a fitting windup of the greatest Furniture Sale on record. In addition to the regular discounts we have selected a hundred or more pieces to be sold this week at much less than goods of equal value have ever been offered for before. The last week of the February Furniture Sale.



- Special Sale of Iron Beds—We have in stock 25 Iron Beds, 10 styles, assorted colors and sizes which go this week at one-third off. The cut shows one of the patterns of which there are several in green and white enamel. In full size, 96 and single size. Regular price \$3.45. No less one-third off. \$2.30. Same Bed without brass knobs, regular \$2.25, less one-third off. \$1.50. Other styles up to \$25 less one-third off. \$4.95. This Handsome Couch. Is 30 inches wide, 78 inches long, with heavy roocco frame of golden oak, carved claw feet, nicely finished, upholstered with figured velour or tapestry, small deep tufted or plain top. It is the best couch ever made to sell for \$13.50. At this sale we give you your choice of cover for \$9.75. Dining Chair, made of Golden elm, close woven cane seat, has brass arms, nicely carved and finished. Regular price \$1.25. Sale you take \$95c. The Best Music Cabinet ever offered at the price—33 inches high, 18 inches wide, has 6 shelves, lock on door, figured corduroy or golden oak or imitation mahogany, nicely polished. Regular \$7.50. Sale you take \$5.95. Greatest Morris Chair Bargain on record. Your choice of any golden oak or imitation mahogany Morris Chair with plain or figured corduroy or Morris velvet cushions, at \$7.95. There are 10 of these Chairs, none marked less than \$9.95 and some that up to \$12.95. This week \$5.95.

Snaps in Crockery and Silverware

These prices are special for Monday only, so do not delay your coming. They are exceptionally good values.

- \$1.00 The last thing on Saturday night we received another batch of sample china. This line includes an elegant assortment of comic Tobacco Boxes, an absolutely new line of fancy Glass Vases and lots of handsome pieces of fancy China too numerous to mention. Choice of the assortment for \$1.00. 2c Buys a German china egg cup. 5c Buys a white tea cup and saucer, neat shape. 5c Buys a pretty shaped silver-plated fruit knife. 6c Buys a glass pickle dish; large size. 9c Buys a nice china spoon tray; pretty decoration. 9c Buys a patent spring nut cracker; good strong one. 10c Buys a plate cup and saucer or oatmeal bowl, in old English green and red decoration. 10c Buys a tea, pie or bread and butter plate; pretty decoration and gold striped. 15c Buys a bottle of silver cream, the best silver polish on earth. 15c Buys an elegant Japanese tea cup and saucer; 2 for 25c. 15c Buys an old-fashioned brass candlestick, with colored candles. 29c Buys a fancy English fire-proof teapot, decorated. 50c Buys an 8-lin jardiniere; lots of new, pretty colors. 50c Buys a French china game plaque; four decorations to choose from. 50c Buys a good, heavy silver-plated berry spoon, gold lined. 50c Buys a heavy silver-plated cold meat fork. \$1.50 Buys a good set of six knives and six forks. \$1.69 Buys a quadruple silver-plated butter dish. \$1.90 Buys a quadruple silver-plated berry bowl, with gold lining and pretty feet. \$2.50 Buys a set of 6 tea spoons, 6 table spoons, 6 knives and 6 forks; good silver plate; pretty patterns. \$5.00 Buys a 100-piece set of English semi-porcelain, green or blue decoration.

New Walking Skirts.

All new spring styles in lengths that will be in demand from this time on.

They come in grays and blacks and are made in several new and pretty styles—plaited effects stitched with black and white—some are tucked, others with straps trimmed with buttons—also the popular killed skirts. They are exceptionally good values at the opening price \$4.98

Clearance Prices on Coats and Suits.

- Women's Jackets and Coats—Including light-fitting short jackets, medium length, half-fitted coats and some 3/4-length Monte Carlos—broken sizes, values in the lot as high as \$10.00. Monday your choice at \$3.50. Women's Coats—For winter and early spring wear; black and tans, in loose and half-fitted backs, and short, medium and 3/4-lengths; some Monte Carlos in the lot. They are broken sizes of each style, but all sizes are in the lot. Regular values up to \$15.00. Monday you choose from the lot for \$8.50. Women's Suits—In this lot are a few Norfolk Suits, others with blouse and tight-fitting jackets—colors are blue, brown, gray and black. They are broken sizes of each style, but values are up to \$25.00—so they are exceptionally good at the Monday price \$10.00.

More Sample Waists.

There's an exceptionally good assortment of those manufacturers' Sample Silk Waists—and, being samples, they are sure to be in best styles as well as made of best materials. At the sale prices we consider them about the best waists we ever offered. Sizes are 34, 36 and 38. They are divided into three lots and priced like this:

- \$3.89 for \$5.00 to \$6.00 Waists. \$4.98 for \$7.00 to \$9.00 Waists. \$7.75 for \$10 to \$13.50 Waists. There's only one of a kind, so early choosing is desirable.

Laces and Embroideries

Two very special items for Monday buyers, embracing purchases made in such quantities that we secured very liberal reductions from the regular prices. No woman wanting a yard of lace or embroidery should miss this Monday sale! Laces—1,000 yards of Valenciennes, Point de Paris and Mechlin Edges, Insertion and Galleons, from 2 to 6 inches wide and worth up to 35c a yard; in Monday's sale at 10c. Embroideries—Manufacturers' strips of Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edges, Insertions and Beadings, from 2 to 7 inches wide and worth up to 85c a yard; in Monday's sale at, per yard, 10c.

Bargain Basement

- Bleached Pillowcases, 42x36 and 45 x36, made with 8-inch hem, Monday, each 8 1/2c. 36-inch Bleached Muslin, worth 7c, per yard, Monday, 5c. 40-inch Victoria Lawns, short lengths, priced to close Monday at, 5c. Remnants Outing Flannel, 4 1/2c per yard. Remnants Light and Dark Outings, 8c and 10c quality. Special Monday, 6 1/2c. Cotton Blankets, gray or tan, 10-4 size, all perfect and worth 60c per pair. Special, 47c. New Percales, 100 pieces in medium and dark colors, in Monday's sale at, yard, 6c. Quilt Cloth, all colors, in lengths of 2 1/2 to 10 yards—12 1/2c. Convert. Per yard, Monday, 8c. Dress Gingham, a big table full of dress gingham, in all colors—worth 9c a yard. Special, 5c. Percale Remnants, light and dark colors, worth up to 12 1/2c to close, 6c.

The Sale of Clothing

If you are at all interested in a new Suit or Overcoat, you should take advantage of these very special prices now. There is nothing here for men, boys and children at lower prices than have ever before been quoted for like values. Just put us to the test—come in and see for yourself.

- Suits for the Men—Special priced Monday \$3.95 \$6.95 \$8.75 Good Wool Suits worth \$10. Good Wool Suits worth \$15. Fine Dress Suits worth \$20. Children's Knee Suits and Overcoats Suits worth \$3.00 for \$1.50. Suits worth \$5.00 for \$2.50. Suits worth \$7.50 for \$3.50. Knee Pants worth 75c and \$1.00. Special Monday, per pair, 50c.

These Carpets And These Prices

- Are not to be found in any other store, and are made possible here only because of our large wholesale business, which makes it necessary for us to change the patterns every spring and fall—consequently we have a large assortment of choice Carpets to close out at very small prices—in most cases savings are from one-third to one-half below the regular. 60c Smith and Sanford's Tapestry Brussels, 39c. 90c Smith & Sanford's Double Extra Tapestry Brussels, 58c. 90c East Velvet, 58c. \$1.00 Windsor Brussels; \$1.00 Velvet Carpet, 75c. \$1.25 Bigelow & Whittall's Body Brussels, 85c. \$1.25 Royal Axminster, 85c. \$1.25 Smith's Moquettes, 85c. \$1.15 Smith's Axminster, 85c. \$1.15 Best Wilton Velvet, 85c. \$1.75 Royal Wilton, 95c. \$1.75 Royal Axminster, 95c. \$1.60 Aubusson Axminster, 95c. Wool Smyrna Rugs Only a few of each size to close. 6 ft. x 9 ft., \$5.00. 8 ft. x 10 1/2 ft., \$7.50. 9 x 12 ft., \$10.00. Mottled Smyrnas, 30x60 in., \$1.15.

How Street Car Company Cares For Lost Articles

If the articles left on the street cars in St. Paul were converted into cash the sum thus obtained would pay the salary every month of one of the stenographers in the office of the Twin City Rapid Transit company. These articles are not converted into cash, however. On the contrary, they are kept for a number of weeks to give their owners an opportunity to appear and claim them. When a woman leaves her silk umbrella on a Selby avenue car the conductor turns it in at the office of the power house on Dale street. At night it is sent down to the company's general office at the corner of Fourth and Cedar streets, and is placed in a room with numerous other articles that have

turned the purse in at the midway station and very soon afterwards an excited voice inquired over the telephone if such a purse had been found. It was a very grateful woman who reclaimed that purse. The pleasant feature of this story perhaps is the fact that the conductor who turned in the pocketbook received a substantial token of the owner's gratitude. Usually no notice is taken of the honesty of conductors in general, but apparently this calousness has not a bad effect on their morals, judging by the number of articles they still continue to turn in every night. It is "all in a day's work" with the man who collects the fares, and not even the finding of a new jewelry box with a new diamond ring inside is apt to stir him to excitement. Such a box, with such a ring, was really found on a West side car last winter. It had fallen under one of the seats, and was not discovered by the conductor until the car was taken into

the car barn. A young man reclaimed the box, but that time the conductor's honesty was not rewarded. However, this story has a sequel, too, for shortly after the ring had been restored to the young man his engagement to a West side girl was announced. The next day in a while the dim and cobwebby room in which are stored all those lost articles witnesses a bit of pathetic history. Just before Christmas the conductor on a Mississippi street car found a small brown paper package. Unwrapping it, he discovered inside a pair of baby's shoes, the tiny soles very much worn and three of the buttons missing. Without comment, he turned them in with the other things he had found during the day, and in time they made their way to the room reserved for lost articles in the big building at the corner of Fourth and Cedar.

The next day a sad-faced woman inquired for the package. While trying to describe the shoes she burst into

tears, and then explained to the wondering clerk that the shoes had been worn by her little girl, who was dead, and that, having to move, the mother had determined to carry them with her to the other home. But she had other parcels with her, and the little shoes had slipped from her lap as she sat in the street car. As she turned away the clerk observed that she lifted the shoes to her lips. Most people will tell you that taking snuff has gone out of fashion, yet one of the articles that has been stored in that cobwebby room for three days was a jeweled snuff box. The owner, who finally claimed it, insisted that he did not take snuff, but that the box had belonged to an ancestor, and was carried by the owner simply because he was proud of the heirloom. For two days the room housed a little pasteboard box filled with four-leaf clovers. Since these had no intrinsic value, the conductor was not obliged to turn them in, but he did turn them

in, and strange to relate, they were claimed, not by a school girl, but by a middle-aged woman. Occasionally a woman calls at the Fourth street office of the street railroad company to inquire for a lost umbrella and gives such a vague description that it is impossible to identify the article. Before any article is exhibited to an inquirer, he must give a good description of it, so that the clerk in charge will know that he is restoring the article to the real owner. Such an inquirer must tell the day, and as nearly as possible, the exact time that he lost his umbrella or whatever the article may be. In a big book, kept for that purpose exclusively, is recorded every article found, the car line and the day on which it is found. This list lessens the labor of the clerk considerably, for generally a street car passenger knows the exact day upon which he lost the article, and all the clerk has to do is to go over the list of that day's findings.