

## VENEZUELAN DIFFICULTY CONSIDERED

### Westminster Gazette Wants Friendly Settlement

## POWER OF U. S. SENATE

### May Embarrass Her Government—The Daily Telegraph on Reference to the Hague.

#### THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Special).—Referring to the arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty the Westminster Gazette says it is a pity that a serious quarrel between the two great friendly English-speaking powers cannot be amicably settled.

#### THE SENATE'S INCONVENIENT POWER.

The Review then remarks, "If the United States each year extends the scope of her diplomacy her Ministers will find themselves increasingly hampered by the power which the constitution gives to the Senate."

#### THE TELEGRAPH'S REVIEW.

The Daily Telegraph says: "If the question of preferential claims is referred to the Hague Tribunal and the decision given in favor of equality of treatment, England will accept it with subdued delight, but the principle must be definitely and authoritatively included among the recognized rules of International Law, where at the present it has no place known to Jurists."

#### AN EARLY YEAR.

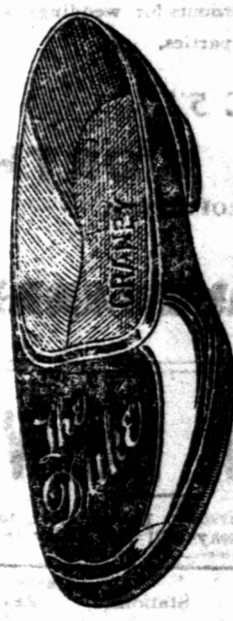
TORONTO, Feb. 5.—A Port Dalhousie fisherman comforts his restless fellow citizens by recalling that in 1890, in February, he had to discard his flannels on account of the heat. He is also somewhat of a prophet, and says a severe storm, followed by fair weather, awaits us in the near future.

#### MORAL REFORM.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—A crusade for moral reform is being planned in Berlin. A local minister has invited representatives of various vocations to give papers on "The reform most needed in the particular calling of such and what their colleagues are doing to further the interests of reform."

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## AVERAGE CANINE'S VOCABULARY.

### The Number of Words the Average Dog.

## TO BE MADE UNDERSTAND

### A Question which no man can Answer but a Reasonable Supposition.

"How many words are there in the vocabulary of the average dog?" asked the man who takes considerable interest in the canine tribe, the more particularly in that class of dogs having some training. Here is a question no man can answer certainly, and yet I believe we may get within a reasonable range of the truth by a little reflection. Pet dogs as a rule have a much larger vocabulary than any other kind. Trailed dogs, the kind we find with circus and on the stage, probably come second, and the others are ranging along according to the lives they lead. Dogs learn words much more rapidly than we suppose. In the first place this animal is a close observer. Hearing a sound repeatedly, it soon learns to associate it with a certain object. Take the well-trained hound, for instance, and he soon learns what is meant by gun, shoot, hunt, deer, fox, chase, and so on. Experienced hunters can furnish many evidences of the understanding of dogs which it comes to the words and phrases most frequently used in connection with the sport.

"Of course, all dogs become familiar with the commands used in directing during the hunt, and under other circumstances. A pretty example of this fact is found in the ease and accuracy with which pointers and setters do their work on the field. While it can not be claimed for hunting dogs that they have a very extensive vocabulary, they understand enough words to go about their work intelligently, and as times with precision that is less than marvellous. Pet dogs, poodles, fox terriers, and animals of this kind, have a more extensive vocabulary. An illustration of this is found in a fox terrier belonging to Mr. Bray, manager of the Orpheum Theatre, a terror of royal lineage, having come from the King's kennels at Budapest. Few words in common use around the house are beyond his understanding of this pet of Mr. Bray and his wife. The pet knows the name of every article of furniture and clothing in the house.

"A few evenings ago a test was made for the purpose of determining the accuracy of the terrier's understanding of words. I want you to walk on your hind feet to the front room and bite Mr. Bray on the ear," said a member of the household to the pet. Forthwith, the terrier was off, and before Mr. Bray knew anything about the plan the pet dog was playfully pulling at his ear. Here was a rather intricate command. It was not simply a command to go. It said how to go, what to do, and to whom. The terrier understood perfectly. Now here is a dog having an extraordinary vocabulary, understanding, no doubt, no less than 250 words. This one case will show that the pet dog has a wider understanding of words than dogs belonging to any other class, and there is a reason for it, of course. They are talked to all the time, and naturally learn to associate certain sounds with certain objects. It would be interesting to know what the average vocabulary is among dogs, and I would like to see some expert take the matter up for the purpose of determining more definitely just how many words dogs definitely understand.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## DIED.

At Hunter River, on Friday night, Jan. 30th aged 6 years and 11 months, Levi Spurgeon, son of David and Sarah A. Silliphant. The little boy was known for his sweet disposition, and was beloved by all.

## WILL COPE WITH POTENTIALITIES BEYOND THE DREAMS OF SCIENCE

### Marconi Company Obtains New Powers A Glorious Prospect—Boer Irreconcilables Will Locate in Texas—President Loubet to Visit America—Edna Lyall, Famous English Novelist is Seriously Ill.

#### MARCONI COMPANY'S NEW POWERS.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Special).—The courts have granted the Marconi Company leave to amend and cope with "Potentialities beyond the dreams of science."

#### GIRDLE EARTH WITH MESSAGES.

His counsel casually mentioned that Marconi expected shortly to encircle the earth with wireless messages and hoped to apply his system to heating, traction and publishing of daily newspapers on board ships.

#### BOERS GOING TO TEXAS.

The Boer leaders have secured two hundred thousand acres of land in Texas and a large number of the irreconcilables will go there to remain.

#### PRESIDENT LOUBET COMING.

#### NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—(Special).—The French colony here has word that President Loubet will come to this city on a man-of-war about June 15, 1904, to attend the St. Louis fair, and will then cross the continent.

#### FAMOUS AUTHORESS ILL.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Special).—Edna Lyall is seriously ill at Eastbourne, Sussex.

#### SOME OF HER BOOKS.

Ada Ellen Bayly, known to the world as Edna Lyall, was born in Brighton, England some fifty-five years ago. Among her best known novels are Won by Walter, Donovan, Autobiography of a Slander, A Hardy Norseman, &c. All the above were given to the world between 1878 and 1890.

## THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE MAN

### The First of the Series of Addresses on the Making of Manhood—Rev. Dr. Smith, Summerside Speaks at the Y. M. C. A. to a Large Audience Yesterday.

THE first of the series of addresses on the Making of Manhood was given in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon by Dr. Smith, Summerside. The hall was filled and the excellent address on Man's Measurements was listened to with rapt attention. The following is a synopsis:

I take it that our subject deals with the nature of man. What is man's aim, how measure his powers, capacities, life? There are many standards employed, some measure him by the animal world, some by his own attainments. The order of the book of Ecclesiastes in viewing man's life says "He hath set the world in their hearts." The margin of the Revised Version has it "He hath set eternity in their hearts." The Hebrew term is indefinite, expressing largeness. The authorized version translates it in terms of matter—the world, the Revised Version in terms of time—Eternity. The truth is the same. There is an eternal, infinite, divine element as the last of life. Paul in considering the destiny of man, sees his coming to his maturity when he conforms to Jesus Christ. The G. T. sees has been accused of pessimism. Vanity of vanities, all is vanity because man is too large for this world. There is one thing real, fear God and keep His commandments. In reality he is an optimist of the highest type. Paul is also an enthusiastic optimist for he sees man attaining perfection. Jesus sums up man's life in one sentence, "What shall a man give in exchange for his life?" There is no compensation. Consider some of the ranges of man's capacity. There is man's physical power. How measure it? In respect of duration and power. Man's body determines what can be done. Think of the marvellous endurance of body and brain as seen in the great explorers, in men who have stood in disease and starvation for weeks, in men who search nature and find her secret. Our physical life has untold power when properly cared for and utilized. Young men remember this, the wicked men do not live half their days. To attain your best life keep the body pure, precious, sacred. There is also the range of the mental life. Part of our thought is directed to the matter of our daily needs but there is a large part directed to the enjoyment of thinking. Note the power which makes former civilizations throbb with life, which soars the heavens and overleaps the grave and constructs a home and kingdom in

heaven, our world. There is no limit to man's thought, because eternity is in his heart. How measure the mind? It partakes of the divine life and must read the secret of all God's works for reason pervades all.

There is also man's social life. All life is social but human life is based on moral ideals. There is a progressive element. The family, the clan, the tribe, the nation, the world. The secret is Love—Love as distinct from instinct. Love does not fail in life. Ruth and Naomi, Jonathan and David are permanent types in human history. Love overcomes the wane of storms. It passes through the years, the darkness and beyond the grave and sacrifices for the higher and the highest good. As love grows social life grows and as love shines the common brotherhood of all grows clearer. How measure man's social life? You see it in the boy, the young man—the strongest side. There is no limit. It must embrace the whole human family. Every nation must come within the range of our love and fellowship. What a power for Christ and the Y. M. C. A. is the social life! Let it shine until every young man feels the thrill of universal brotherhood.

There is also the range of man's spiritual life. Man is essentially religious, spiritual. Notice his songs, hymns, sacrifices, temples, worship. There is a sense of God, eternally in the heart. How measure its capacity? What has been done? Every sin overcome, every weakness conquered, every error cast out, every storm removed by the power of man's inner life. But this is not all, the range is Jesus' life. See the army of men and women who have gone out to redeem the world. What have they done? They have crossed the ocean through the waste, penetrated into dens and caves, counted not their life dear; why? To let other know the abounding love and peace of God. We see some lives approach the man of Galilee. He alone measures human life.

How attain our fulness? Many ways have been tried. One alone succeeds. Let Jesus be your friend and guide. As you study Him you see the dignity and grandeur of life. As you obey him you feel its power and as you seek to work with Him for others you realize that sternly alone can reveal what perfect love can inspire and enjoy.

## MONTREAL ST. RAILWAY IS TIED UP

### Hope of Settlement of Difficulty Today

## B. C. ELECTION PROTEST

### A Police Magistrate Complained of—Plan to Steal Part of the St. John River.

#### MONTREAL STRIKE STILL ON.

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—(Special).—The street railway is still completely tied up, but it is believed a settlement of differences will be made before Monday.

#### WILL PROTEST THE ELECTION.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 7.—(Special).—Chris. Foley's supporters have decided to protest the election of MacPherson in Burrard.

#### POLICE MAGISTRATE COMPLAINED OF.

The Foleytes complained to the Attorney General's department regarding the part taken by Police Magistrate Russell one of MacPherson's energetic lieutenants.

#### THE POWER TO DAM.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 7.—(Special).—The lumbermen today decided to ask the Board of Trade to fight with all possible vigour against the bill now before the Maine Legislature, giving a company power to dam the St. John River at Fort Kent and so lesson the water coming by that river into New Brunswick.

## MURDERER SHOT THEN IS BURNED

LEULING, LA., Feb. 5.—John Thomas, a negro who murdered Sheriff Louis S. Oury of St. Charles Parish, was shot to death and his body burned by a mob of several hundred enraged men. When the Sheriff, who had a warrant for Thomas, attempted to leave the parish the negro drew a revolver and shot Oury dead in his tracks. Thomas fled, but a mob was quickly on his heels. Telegraph and telephone messages were sent to all parts of the parish, summoning white people to join in the chase and in less than an hour five hundred men armed with rifles and shotguns were engaged in the man hunt. Thomas was overtaken on a plantation about six miles from here. When brought to bay he opened fire on the mob, but without effect. By this time a thousand men including relatives and many personal friends of the murdered sheriff, surrounded the negro, and they opened fire on him and filled his body with bullets. Then they dragged the body

## DEBATES LAST WEEK IMPORTANT

### None Such Before Since Time of Bismarck

## EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PERSONALITY AND POLITICAL ROLE DISCUSSED WITH GREAT PLAINNESS

### Political Role Discussed With Great Plainness

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The debates in the Reichstag last week are universally regarded as being the most important Parliamentary episode since the late Prince Bismarck's Chancellorship.

The Emperor William's personality and his political role were discussed with a plainness never before heard. The Socialist and radical position was that when His Majesty makes speeches of the highest political significance before the country the members of the Reichstag have the right of replying in the Reichstag. Count von Bulow's answer that the Emperor William was entitled to self defence when attacked is received by the loyal press as inadequate.

It is remarked by such papers that no Conservative member attempted to defend His Majesty against the rank criticism on Thursday of Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader. These papers indulge for their part in some plain speaking, emphasizing the impossibility of keeping the Emperor out of the debates so long as he assumes a political role and saying there is also serious danger to the monarchy from the annual discussion of the Emperor's personality before the country.

Loyalist circles manifest a feeling of disappointment over the week's debates; through the ineffectual attempt of Count von Ballestrem, as president of the house speeches, disapproval of the Counts to prevent a discussion of His Majesty's actions by all parties, and the final analysis of the Emperor's political personality by Herr Bebel.

The Chancellor, without trying to support Count von Ballestrem's ruling, that a distinction must be made between His Majesty's private and political speeches, took the position that with a measure of vigilance and fertile mind it would be a loss to the country if he did not speak his mind, and that Germany was indebted for some of the best impulses of the Government to the Emperor William's initiative.

Into the cabin behind which Thomas had sought shelter, and piled oil-soaked rags on it. One of the relatives of the sheriff applied the match. The fire enveloped the body in an instant, and the entire building was soon a mass of flames, into which the mob poured volley after volley. When the fire finished its work, the negro's coat was cut and torn into pieces, which were distributed for souvenirs. A special train, carrying a posse and pack of blood-hounds, came from New Orleans, but it arrived too late, the mob having accomplished its work and dispersed.

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