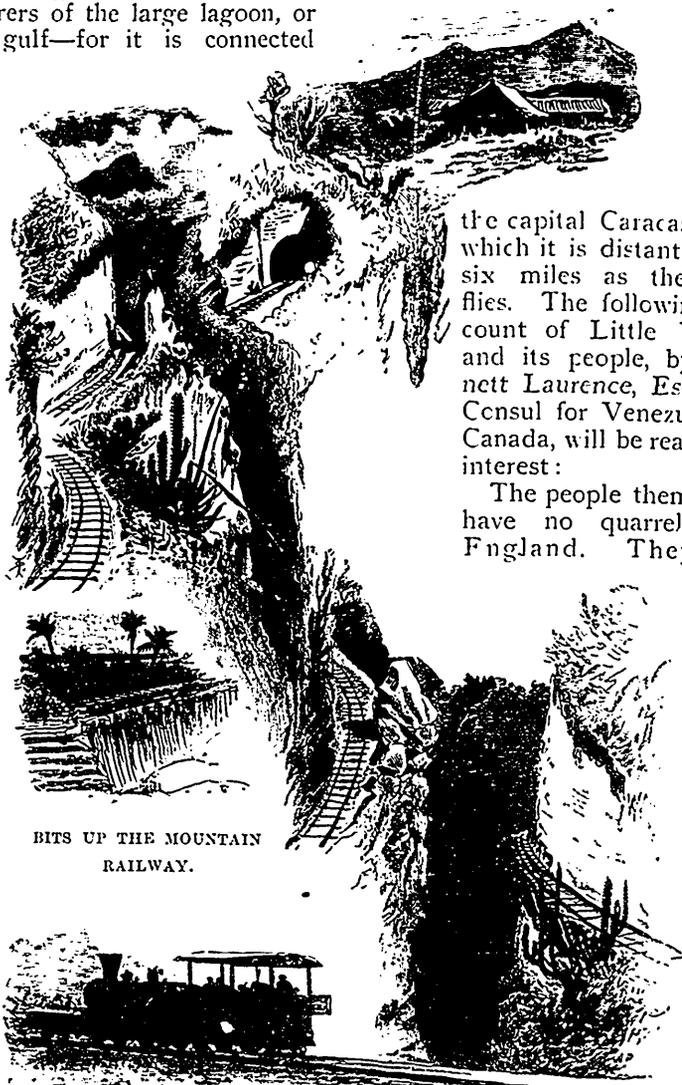


Saxon people is cemented more firmly than ever before.

The name of Venezuela (or little Venice) originated with the first discoverers of the large lagoon, or rather, gulf—for it is connected

it has, unfortunately, very few good harbours. Of these the most important is La Guayra, the port of



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the capital Caracas, from which it is distant about six miles as the crow flies. The following account of Little Venice and its people, by Burnett Laurence, Esq., late Consul for Venezuela in Canada, will be read with interest:

The people themselves have no quarrel with England. They like

with the sea by a narrow channel—of Maracaibo, who noticed that the villages were built on piles in the midst of the water.

Although Venezuela has a seaboard of nearly two thousand miles,

the English people, and the word of an Englishman is the most solemn asseveration you will hear, even among the natives. There is a very large trade between Venezuela and Great Britain, par-