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## The Venezuelan Crisis.

President Castro of Venezuela, who is swollen with his recent victories over the insurgents in his own country, is defying Great Britain and Germany. His arrest of British and German subjects in Caracas shows a peculiarly Spanish-American conception of international comity. The majority of the South American republics are wholly unfitted for self-government. The spirit of independence among the people was strong enough to throw off the Spanish yoke, but they adopted republican forms without any experience of responsible government or the capacity to use their freedom. The party system in one of these so-called republics is usually a struggle between two dictators, resulting in chronic bloodshed or revolution, general lawlessness and insecurity of property, which have sadly retarded the development of South America's great resources. What these countries need is a benevolent despotism such as the United States, Great Britain or Germany could give, so as to enforce orderly government. Foreign capital and enterprise would work wonders in South America if properly protected. Venezuela has been the worst offender, and its insolence toward Great Britain has been especially marked since the United States took its part in the boundary controversy. As Mr. Balfour told the House of Commons:

"For the past two years we have had grave cause for complaint on various occasions of unjustifiable interference by the Venezuelan Government with the liberty and property of British subjects. No efforts have been spared by the British Government to obtain an amicable settlement of these disputes, but in none of them have satisfactory explanations been forthcoming. Latterly the representations of the British minister have been practically unnoticed."

The most important of the German demands relates back to a railroad speculation, which resulted in 1896 in the placing by the Venezuelan Government of a foreign loan of 50,000,000 francs at 5 per cent. About two-thirds of the sum was advanced by Germans, while French and British investors were also interested. The road runs between Caracas and Valencia, and was built by a Berliner Disconto Gesellschaft, which received a guarantee from the Venezuelan Government that was capitalized to the amount named. Out of the total 7,000,000 francs was sent to London in satisfaction of various claims, while 45,000,000 francs was retained in Berlin. Subsequently a part of the debt was extinguished by Venezuela, but the Disconto Gesellschaft found it very difficult to do anything with its paper securities. Interest was defaulted by Venezuela as early as 1897, the shareholders of the railroad have received nothing since 1898, and a year ago it was said that the only hope held out to them was a payment of 56 per cent. of the amount due for the second half of that year. At the same time the arrears were calculated at 9,000,000 francs, of which two-thirds were owing in Germany. He sides this railroad demand there were claims of German merchants on account of goods sold to the Venezuelan Government and numerous private claims for compensation for loss incurred during the civil wars of the preceding three years. Another civil war has been added to the collection since, and of course it has helped to multiply the claims.

## A Poor Imperial Policy.

In giving evidence before a Senate committee at Washington the other day Mr. Wright, Vice-Governor of the Philippines, urged that the exports from those islands be admitted to the United States at a lower rate of duty than the Dingley tariff. There was a great future for the sugar industry in the Philippines, he said, if the American market was opened. One of the Senators asked him if the United States would not do better to keep out foreign sugar, and produce its own. The Vice-Governor replied that he was "bound to advance the interests of the Filipino people." In this he showed the right conception of duty, and it is only in this spirit that the American people can justify their new policy of imperialism. They will dimly fail if they do not administer their new possessions for the benefit of the native population. Vice-Governor Wright's remark was virtually a rebuke to the selfish policy which would cripple industrial development in the Philippines by closing the American market against the chief product of the islands. The American people profess to have annexed the Philippines, against the will of the natives, from benevolent motives, and they are under moral obligations to lend their new possession a helping hand and do everything possible to promote its prosperity. It is safe to say that Britain would never have been the colonial power she is today but for her liberal trade policy. The open British market is the great cohesive power which binds all parts of the Empire together. Even before she embraced free trade, Great Britain granted preferential treatment to products

from her colonies. If she were to revert to protection, without exempting the colonies, we fancy there would be an immediate slump in British sentiment in his Majesty's dominions beyond the seas. The United States can never build up a colonial attachment if selfish interests at home are allowed to crush colonial competition as they are doing now in the case of the Philippines.

Good men have no difficulty in getting elected as aldermen. The difficulty is in getting them to run.

The testimony before the coal strike commission certainly shows that the railway companies get a long haul.

Don't put it off till tomorrow if you can do your Christmas shopping today. You may lose the bargain you're after.

The Aymer Sun says the London, Aymer and North Shore Railway is a certainty, and the promoters will make an announcement in a few days. All radial roads in Western Ontario lead to London.

Mr. Donald Sutherland, M. P. Elect for South Oxford, has not accepted the invitation to name the Grits who, he says, offered him money to support the Ross Government. Is it fair to make such a charge and then refuse to back it up?

A Klondike correspondent of the Fall Mail Gazette says the Dominion Government's "reign of despotism" has caused the widest discontent in the gold country. This discontent was manifested on Tuesday when the Klondike elected a Government supporter by 809 majority.

Premier Ross advises a campaign for total abstinence. A few years ago the Province teemed with temperance societies, and a great work was done for teetotalism, but latterly more reliance has been placed upon legislation than moral suasion. An influence which keeps the man from the bottle is apt to be more effective than a statute which tries to keep the bottle from the man.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company says they placed their order for steel rails in Germany because Mr. Clergue could not fulfill the contract. They ordered 10,000 tons of rails from him in March, and only 2,500 have been delivered. At this rate they would have laid only 26 miles of track this year. Mr. Clergue replies that he has filled all the orders given him by the Canadian Northern. Someone is mistaken.

A man who professed to speak for the farmers of Eastern Michigan told the Detroit convention that reciprocity with Canada would sacrifice the agricultural interests of the United States for the sake of the manufacturing interests. The same song and dance does service in this country. The Canadian farmer is assured that blue ruin would follow the free admission of American farm products. A high tariff policy can only live on that sort of rot.

Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., in his paper, the Toronto World, says: "To our mind, one of the specified conditions in all this voting of subsidies ought to be that the rails to be used shall be Canadian rails, made of Canadian iron. It is not too late yet to have that policy go into force, and the responsibility must rest with the powers at Ottawa for neglecting to adopt such a measure for the welfare of the country." Mr. W. F. Maclean in the House of Commons attacked the Government for giving a contract for Canadian-made rails because they cost more than the foreign article.

Following is the present position of the Ontario Legislature:

Seats in the Legislature . . . . . 98  
Liberal members . . . . . 48  
Conservative members . . . . . 46  
Vacant Seats.

North Renfrew (Lib.).  
North Grey (Lib.).  
North Norfolk (Con.).  
North Perth (Con.).  
Awaiting Judgment.  
Lennox (Con.).  
East Middlesex (Lib.).  
South Oxford.

Petitions to be heard.  
Center Bruce (Con.).  
Sault Ste. Marie (Con.).  
North York (Lib.).

North Renfrew, North Norfolk and North Perth are normally Liberal seats, and North Grey went Liberal in May. The chances are strongly in favor of the Government.

## A Philanthropist.

[Chicago News.]

"I did one charitable act today," remarked the druggist as he sat down to dinner. "I'm glad to hear it, dear," rejoined his wife. "Tell me all about it." "Oh, there isn't much to tell," replied the pill compiler. "One of my clerks wanted an increase in salary so he could get married, and I refused to give it to him."

## The Wizard of the Oil.

[Ottawa Journal.]  
The Wizard of the North built an enchantment in stone which may fall to a wizard of oil. A dispatch from Edinburgh says that Mr. McDonald, one of the directors of the Standard Oil Company, is negotiating for the purchase of Abbotsoford, the beautiful home of Sir Walter Scott. The historic mansion is owned by Mrs. Maxwell Scott, who is unwilling to part with it, and it is doubtful if Mr. McDonald will succeed in buying the property, but he has the wherewithal to make the change, but literature and its shrines must bow when there comes a showdown against business. Sir Walter Scott with his pen coined wealth which in those days was thought marvellous, and his probably never been equaled in the history of literature before or

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## A Slight Difficulty.

[Washington Star.]  
The dictionary to my sight  
Discloses words and words again.  
If I could but arrange them right  
I'd be a genius with the pen.

## Got in Early.

[Chicago Tribune.]  
"Uncle Eph'm, how did such a notorious old sinner as you ever manage to get into the church?"  
"I was one of the chabtah membahs, suh."

## Three For Five Cents.

[Judge.]  
Mrs. Jones—"I have bought my husband some cigars for Christmas." Mrs. Smith—"Cigars?" Mrs. Jones—"Yes. He says he is going to swear off smoking on New Year's, and I want to make sure of it."

## The Trooper's Toilet.

[London Punch.]  
Hairbrushes are to be issued in future, as part of their kit, to the Guards, Infantry and Royal Medical Corps.—Daily Mail.

Oh, excellent decision this! Authorities at length awaken. And, realizing what's afoot, they take. A very proper step they've taken. It surely did not need the aid Of expert or of trained detective. To find out what was that made The British army ineffective.

It has been proved before you, see, By more than one good politician. That troops to win do need a leader. In perfect physical condition. For instance, I should quickly go And hide behind the nearest hummock. If I were made to face the foe, And fight upon an empty . . .

When round the soldier cannons roar, And bullets ping on every side, He is apt to realize that he is not a make-do hand at leading. Can make one dreadfully untidy; And if he gets, by way of change, His hands to-hand the exciting stuff. His clothes he's sure to disarrange. His hair he'll very likely ruffle.

But now, if such should be the case, No longer need he be down-hearted. Whether there comes a boxing space, His hair can once again be parted. Onward boldly he will rush. His locks are smooth, and he of course is Quite eager for another "brush" (This time with the opposing forces).

In days to come it will be seen We must have some department that'll Provide bay rum and brilliantine. For use upon the field of battle; So, while "tint" and "pom" are sold, Our soldiers give the foe a few fits. For all that lookers-on can tell, They might have just come out of Trebizond.

## Sage Advice.

[Life.]  
Be sure you are right—then sit down and think it over.

## An Aged Artist.

[M. A. P.]  
Mrs. L. Goodman, the oldest living female artist, celebrated her 90th birthday recently at her home in London. She began her professional career 70 years ago, and is still occupied in portrait painting. She has painted over 1,200 likenesses in oils and pastels. Mrs. Goodman has been an occasional exhibitor at the Royal Academy and other galleries in London, and she is old enough to remember the coronation of George IV. She has seven sons and daughters living.

## The Teacher Reconsidered.

[Montreal Herald.]  
Teacher—All things that can be seen through are transparent. Now, Johnny, can you mention something that is transparent?"  
Johnny—Yes, ma'am, a keyhole.

## Public Notice of Postponement.

[Johnstown Daily Republican.]  
Tonight being prayer meeting night.

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the curtain for the "Emerald Isle" concert opera at the Grand Opera House will not rise until 8:45 o'clock.

## To Be Whipped.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 12.—At the police court yesterday a Princess street merchant was found guilty of selling ammunition to a minor, but was allowed to go on suspended sentence. A young lad for selling a revolver to a companion was sentenced to be whipped. Magistrate Farrell has determined that the sale of firearms to young boys in this city must be stopped.

## MANY CHILDREN

OUT OF SCHOOL

WITH COUGHS AND COLDS

And Parents Everywhere Are

Proving the Wonderful Cur-

ative Powers of

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When grown people neglect their ailments and allow them to develop into serious diseases they have no one to blame but themselves.

With children it is different, because they do not realize the seriousness of a neglected cold nor the means of obtaining cure, and many a child, as he grows older and finds himself a victim of pneumonia, consumption, bronchitis, asthma or throat trouble, cannot but see that his parents were responsible for neglecting treatment when his illness began in the form of a child.

Today the schools have many a vacant seat on account of coughs and colds, and many children who are there should be at home. What treatment are these children getting? Do their parents realize the seriousness of neglecting to cure a cold? Have they proved the merits of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine as a cure for coughs and colds, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and all kinds of chest ailments?

Very many have, for there is no preparation for throat and lung diseases that has anything like the sale of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

Be careful when you buy to see that the portrait and signature of Dr. Chase is on the wrapper. If you send the children to the store for a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, you are sure to get a good one. There are 25 cents a bottle; family size, three times as much; 60 cents; at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

At the Essex County sessions of the peace at Sandwich, before Judge Horne, true bills were returned against Thomas Kilroy, charged with embezzlement; David Kilroy, charged with larceny; and Charles Manchester, charged with larceny. Evidence was completed in the case of Kilroy vs. the Crown, and the case of Walker vs. the Crown, an argument was next heard.

Scrofula, with its swollen glands, running sores, inflamed eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

John McIntyre, of the Scotch road, Southwold, died Tuesday, aged 79 years, leaving a widow, four sons and one daughter. Mr. McIntyre was one of the pioneers of Elgin County, having come to this country from Scotland about 67 years ago with his father, and settled on the farm where he died.

The Cause of Deafness. Deafness and impaired hearing are due almost entirely to catarrhal inflammation of the Eustachian tube, and this is guaranteed to all who inhale Catarrh-ozone as directed. This vegetable anti-cathartic, taken four or five times a day, traversing all the air passages of the respiratory organs is exhaled through the nostrils to the eustachian tube, and catarrh from any part of the system, thereby removing the phlegm, and gives the diseased parts a chance to heal.

Two gunboats, the Tampico and the Vera Cruz, built for the Mexican Government, were launched at Elizabethport, N. J., recently. Nine Mexican naval officers and fifteen cadets are supervising the construction of the vessels.

THEY NEVER KNEW FAILURE.—Careful observation of the effects of Parole's Vegetable Pills has shown that they are immediately on the system, and organs of the system and stimulate them to healthy action. There may be cases in which the disease has been long seated and does not easily yield to medicine, but even in such cases these Pills have been known to bring relief when all other remedies have failed. These assertions can be substantiated by many who have used the Pills, and medical men speak highly of their qualities.

Attar of Ylang Ylang, which rivals the attar of roses as an exquisite perfume, and sells at \$40 to \$50 or more a pound, is the product of an Asiatic tree that reaches its highest development in the Philippine Islands.

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--The Festive Time.

THE THOUGHT ENGAGING MANY MINDS--What shall I give for a present?

## WHAT SAY YOU TO SOMETHING IN SILK?

Will it be a Tea Gown—French or Oriental? If the former, a gay chintz; if the latter, self-color. Gilt trimming, amber, lemon, morn su (a yellowish tint of green). Might it be a useful Tea Cosy? Some of those Oriental Cashmere patterns would be very suitable.

A pretty simple Check, in pink or blue, plum, canary, sky, turquoise, royal or Nile, would do nicely for a DOLL'S DRESS.

Brocades, brochea, damas, natte, mignonette, in almost every shade. Plain taffeta, Olympia, merveilleux, gro royal, armure, rhadzama, peau de soi, Salm Turk, Bengaline, Salm de Lyon, moire antique, oriental satin, Liberty satin, in almost every imaginable shade, any one of which would make a pretty Waist, Underskirt, Costume or Evening Dress.

Remember, the prices are all reduced--some more, some less--to wit:

10 PIECES FANCY SILKS, small patterns, were 50c, today 17c.

## Beavers for Coats.

In fawn, gray, beaver, light, mid, dark brown, light and dark blues, browns and blacks. ALL REDUCED. See what you can get for \$1.00 per yard. It may be a little better than what you have been paying \$1.50 for.

## Cheviot Dress Goods.

Real Scotch, and can be had in the new heather shades; also brown, robin-egg blue. The price \$1.50. Today reduced to \$1.00 per yard.

## Novelties in Good Goods.

COLORS FRIEZES--New shades greens, green and fawn, green and gray, robin-egg blue and emerald--Very uncommon mixtures. Price has been \$1.50. The balance today \$1.00.

COME QUICKLY!--See what will be on the table today--with other materials--evening shades--oddments pretty dress materials--BLACK CHEVIOTS, BLACK CAMELSHAIR, BLACK FOULE. Some were 60c and all the way up to \$2.00. Today, the price is 25c.

## Bric-a-Brac, Jewelry, Dolls, Fancy Sets, Fancy Wools, Canvasses,

from the stock of Runians, Carson & McKee, and not kept usually at Kingsmill's, must be cleared out at same price.

Cold, chilly winds of December will soon be here. Not a bad present would be one of those

## Sample Coats.

There is variety--Values, ranging from \$6.00 to \$20.00. Your choice, \$2.00.

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Boston and New England Excursion for Christmas, Via West Shore Railroad, Tuesday, Dec. 23. \$10.00 round trip, limit 10 days. To Greenfield, Springfield, Worcester, Fitchburg, Ayer and Boston, from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo.

The best excursion of the year. Splendid opportunity to visit friends in New England during the great Christmas festival. Call on West Shore ticket agents for particulars. 69 b1

D. W. Smith, who served in the First Nebraska Infantry during the civil war, has sent a piece of the old regimental flag to Governor Savage, together with an account of the travels of the banner, taken from a daily journal which he kept in the service.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

The corn yield in Nebraska this year is more than twice as large as last year, the average yield for 1902 being 32 bushels to the acre, as compared with 14 1/2 in 1901, 26 in 1900 and 23 bushels, the average for the past ten years.

YOU NEED NOT COUGH all night and disturb your friends, there is no occasion for you running the risk of contracting inflammation of the lungs or consumption, while you can get Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. This medicine cures coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all throat and chest troubles. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, which immediately relieves the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm.

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Coffee Mills, regular \$1; sale price . . . 75c  
Fire Logs, regular \$5; sale price . . . 25c  
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