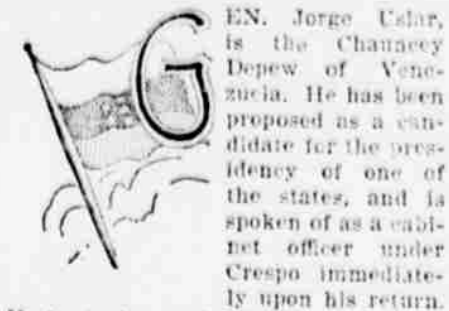


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GEN. JORGE USLAR OF VENEZUELA IN THIS COUNTRY.

Peace and Prosperity Reign in His Own Country - President Crespo a Leader of the People - The Great Yellow Flag.



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The Soldier-Priest Recently Chosen to Be a Bishop.

Rev. Dr. Earl Cranston, the soldier priest who has been elevated to the dignity of a bishop of the Methodist church by the Cleveland conference, has lived a life of intense religious work, and has traveled widely as a dispenser of the gospels. He is 55 years old and in the very prime of his intellectual vigor and maturity. It was at the tender age of twelve that he



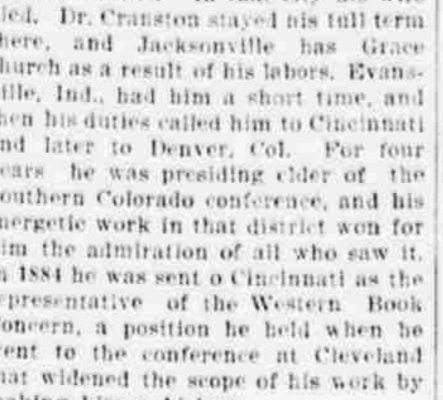
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felt impelled toward methodism, and from the moment of his conversion he set to work to fit himself for the purpose to which his life has been unreservedly devoted. In 1861 he had just come out of the Ohio university with a first degree when President Lincoln's call to arms made him a volunteer in the army of his country. From there he rose by gallant and meritorious work on the field of battle to the rank of captain. In 1864 he returned to

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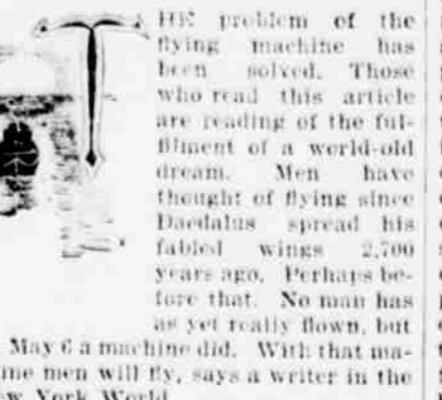
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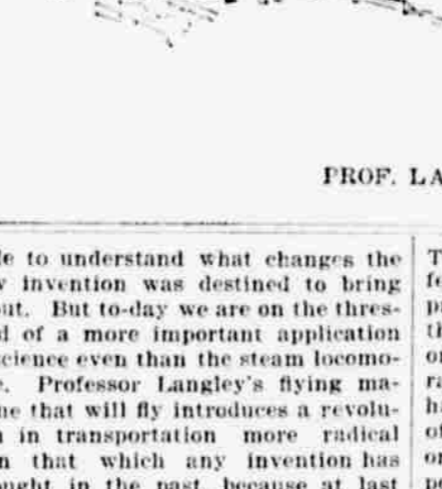
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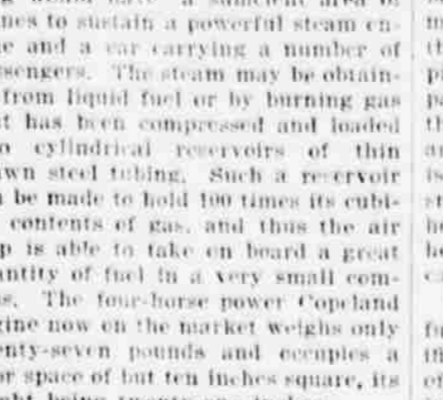
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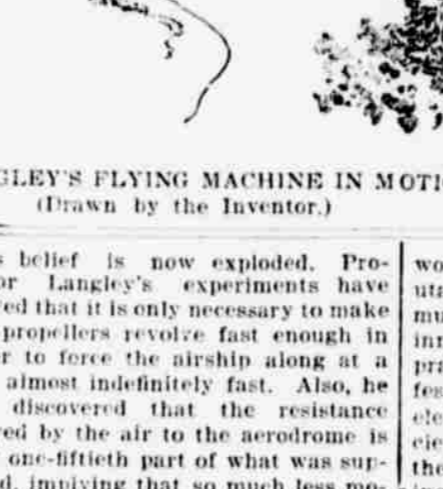
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Crying Full and a Soft Bundle of Love.

A London paper has been fielding for definitions as to what a baby is and received a long list of definitions. That which took the prize was "A tiny feather from the wing of love dropped into the sacred lap of motherhood." Among the definitions were the following: A troublesome compendium of great possibilities. The only precious possession that never excites envy. A bold asserter of the rights of free speech. A thing everybody thinks there is a great deal too much fuss about, unless it is their own. A thing we are expected to kiss and look at if we enjoy it. The only thing needful to make a home happy. There is only one perfect specimen of a baby in existence, and every mother is the happy possessor of it. The most extensive employer of female labor. The pulp from which the leaves of life's book are made. A soft bundle of love and trouble which we cannot do without. The morning caller, noonday crawler, midnight brawler. The magic spell by which the gods transform a house into a home. A diminutive specimen of perverse humanity that could scarcely be endured if he belonged to some one else, but, being our own, is a never-failing treasury of delight. A mite of humanity that will cry no harder if a pin is stuck into him than he will if the cat won't let him pull her tail. A crying evil you only aggravate by putting down. The latest edition of humanity of which every capable think they possess the finest copy. A native of all countries, who speaks the language of none. The sweetest thing God ever made and forgot to give wings to. That which increases the mother's toil, decreases the father's cash, and serves as an alarm clock to the neighbors. A pleasure to two, a nuisance to every other body, and a necessity to the world. An inhabitant of Lapland.

LORD CROMER IN EGYPT.

His Success Due to His Having a Few Picked Men.

Lord Cromer's success in particular due to his seeing that the only efficient way to rule Egypt was to have an Englishman at hand to say the final word in every department of state, says the Spectator. He has never wanted to flood Egypt with English administrators after the manner of France in Tunis. Tunis has only a million and a half of people, but there are 8,000 French civil functionaries, besides a large number of military officers. Lord Cromer has always preferred that the English heads should use Egyptian hands. The native cabinet and the native bureaucracy have gone untouched, except to be improved and strengthened, but in the shadow behind every magnificent ministerial faucon stands the Englishman who controls and directs. This means that our work has been done by a minute staff. Except in the irrigation department, where high technical skill and the inability to take bribes make it absolutely necessary to have Englishmen, there are no visible English officials. One advantage of a minute staff is that all your men can be picked men. And in Egypt, whether soldiers or civilians, all the controlling men are picked men - men who can be trusted not only to hold on like bulldogs, but who are also certain to win when brain power, whether in the Turk, the Armenian, or the Copt, is matched against brain power, tact and adroitness. We do not know whether Lord Cromer ever expressed the thought in words, but if he had said, "I will have no regiment of poorly-paid second-rate Englishmen under me here, but only a few men of the ablest kind in well-paid, responsible posts," he would have exactly expressed the principle upon which he has acted. Another reason for Lord Cromer's success is to be found in the fact that he has always used young men. Egypt is the triumph of young men.

Ought to Be Promoted.

Principal (to commercial traveler returning from the road) - How came you to charge such low prices to Schmidt, who is known to be a shabby customer? Commercial Traveler - I thought if the man happened to fall we would lose so much by him. - Handelszeitung.

Congressional Ways.

Higbee - You women have a queer idea of a debating club. When I looked in last night you were all talking at once. Mrs. Higbee - We conduct our club on congressional lines. Henry - Philadelphia North American.

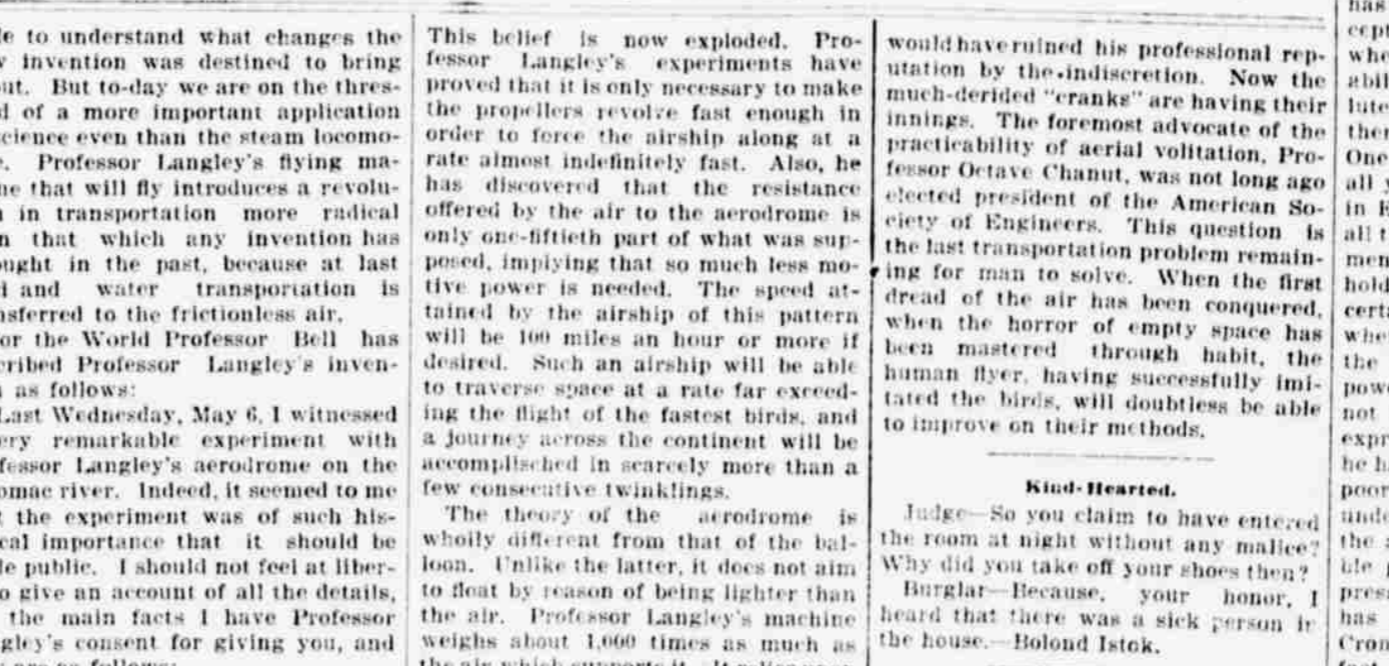
Individuality.

Neither you nor I have a right to ask any one to accept our construction of Christ or the Bible. The right to individual belief - that is Protestantism, that is Presbyterianism, that is Christianity. - Rev. F. C. Vrooman, Presbyterian, Chicago, Ill.

Enlightened Him.

"Paw," asked Willie, "what is 'money easy on call'?" "It must be," said Mr. Ferry, "when you are sure the fellow you call hasn't any better than two pair against your three." - Cincinnati Enquirer.

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