

THE YEAR UNPACKED BY SENSATIONAL LEVELS

Most Momentous Twelve Months of Modern Times Revived—Great European War, Mexican Troubles and Other World Happenings.

The year of our Lord, 1914, is unique. It does not fall into the procession of the years which have followed. It is a year which has transformed it into a year without precedent in history and malignity is war—war which is devastating the world and making its sinister impression on the new year.

It came swiftly and with a terrific dash. On July 1, the Austro-Hungarian government sent an ultimatum to Serbia demanding that the country and giving twenty-four hours for consideration. The Serbian government agreed to the Austrian demands with a single exception—that which would have empowered Austrian officials to take a leading part in the punishment of the murderers and asked for further information on this point.

MIDNIGHT LUNCHEONS LAST EVE.

With Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tucker entertained after the dance last evening at the Louise Hotel, in honor of Miss Mildred Davis of Wilson, the guest of Misses Isabel and Mary Carter, and Miss Mary Louise Manning of Durham, the guest of Misses May Belle and Katherine Small.

With Mr. and Mrs. Hackney. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hackney entertained at luncheon after the dance last evening at their residence on West Main street, in honor of their house guests, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Capham of Norfolk, and Miss Parker of Pinetown.

A WEEK OF PRAYER BY MISSIONARIES

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, held a week of prayer, beginning this afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. Mattie Cordon on Water street. The subject of the prayer will be, "For Foreign Missionaries in Foreign Fields and for Peace."

With Miss Taylor. Miss Elizabeth Taylor was hostess after the dance last evening at her residence on West Main street, where she charmingly entertained a luncheon. Those present were: Miss Mildred Rumley, Miss Annie Powell, Miss Josephine Bowen, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, and Horace Cowell.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR DANCE ELKS HOME

On last evening at the Elks Home one of the most enjoyable dances of the holiday season, was the occasion of the annual New Year dance given by the Halcyon Club. The ball room was attractively decorated with streamers of crepe paper of various colors, and everyone seemed to be filled with the spirit of the occasion from the splendid music furnished by Forbes' Orchestra.

With Mr. and Mrs. Bell. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bell were the most delightful of host and hostess at a luncheon at their residence in Bonner street, after the dance last evening. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bell were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clary, Mrs. Tom Clark, Mrs. Dan Packard of Sumter, S. C., Mrs. Claud Carrow, Horace Carrow, Charles Morton, J. W. Hassell.

British Bombard South African Port—Steinbach Captured by the French

London, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Goliath and light cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All German vessels in the harbor were disabled. 14 Europeans and 20 natives were taken prisoners.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "The only reports which have been received up to the present have reference to upper Alsace, where engagements of a very violent nature in the region of Cernay (Sennheim)."

How Were You For Ready Money This CHRISTMAS?

Join the Bank of Washington Ready Money Club and next Christmas will find you prepared with cash on hand for all your Christmas joys. 4 PER CENT INTEREST Comes to You With These Savings

NEW YEAR'S GREETING. To Our Friends and Patrons: We have finished taking inventory of our stock and closing our books for 1914. Notwithstanding the general depression that has prevailed throughout the country, we are glad to announce a very healthy increase in our business above any previous year. A condition we are very grateful for.

IMPORTANT MEETING. IN THE CITY. HERE YESTERDAY. Messrs. J. R. Hays, T. L. Hardy and son of Small, were Washington visitors yesterday.

RETURNED HOME. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nicholas, who spent the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Walton on East Main street, have returned to their home in Norfolk, Va.

OWN YOUR HOME! The Home Building and Loan Association will open a new series Saturday January 2nd. It is the safest and easiest way to pay for a home in small weekly installment—or to accumulate a fund, for a rainy day, or for Christmas.

PARENTS. Do you know that one in every four school child has defective eyesight? Do you know that 70 per cent of the backward school children in one city have defective eyesight? WE WOULD BE GLAD TO LOOK INTO YOUR CHILD'S CASE.