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Mr. Charles Kirkland to marry. The friends of Mr. Chas. Kirkland, who it will be remembered was a popular clerk in the A. C. L. freight depot here, have received the following invitation: Mrs. Laura Singleton Killen requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of her daughter Mary to Mr. Charles Kirkland on Wednesday, January the fourteenth, at twelve o'clock, at her home, Perry, Georgia.

News of Interest. The postoffice at Indianola, Miss., from which the postmaster, a colored woman, recently resigned under compulsion, has been closed by the authorities in Washington.

Six fatalities among boys at Norfolk, Va., caused by burns from toy pistols on Christmas, are reported.

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THE VENEZUELA SITUATION.

Says a Washington telegram to the Baltimore Sun:

The State Department has been advised by Minister Bowen that President Castro, of Venezuela, has in general terms accepted the conditions for arbitration submitted to him as representing the attitude of the powers now in conflict with Venezuela.

This does not necessarily mean an agreement for arbitration, though the agreement is expected to result. The acceptance on the part of President Castro was essential to the assembling of a commission to draw up a protocol embodying the questions to be submitted to arbitration, together with the conditions attending and the conditions precedent to it. Until it is known what the powers will insist upon in the protocol as conditions precedent there will remain a possibility of failure.

It is expected that the commission to draw up the protocol will meet in Washington and that it will be composed of the British, the German and the Italian Ambassadors and Minister Bowen, who is expected to represent President Castro, in his prompt acceptance of the preliminary conditions, has displayed the astuteness which has been noticeable in his course. If the commission assembles in Washington, and Minister Bowen comes here to represent Venezuela, this Government indirectly, through Mr. Bowen, will be made the antagonist of Castro's honor. Mr. Bowen will have to exert himself to the utmost to avoid the execution of any humiliating conditions upon the Venezuelan Government precedent to the arbitration.

The Venezuelan answer is being prepared at the State Department for transmission to Europe. As it is long and undoubtedly will require careful consideration by the Foreign Offices at London, Berlin and Rome, it is not expected that any further steps toward a final settlement can be taken for a day or two.

A press dispatch from Berlin gives this account of the status as viewed in that capital:

The German Government's reservations in agreeing to submit the Venezuelan claims to arbitration continue to be undisclosed in their entirety. From statements appearing today it seems to be confirmed that Germany declines to accept the claims which are subject to arbitration demands amounting to \$300,000 for seizure of property and outages on the persons of German subjects under circumstances which are here deemed so clear that it is useless to call in arbitrators. The payment of this sum will not be demanded in cash at present, but a sufficient guarantee of the payment will be insisted upon. Great Britain's preferred claims are equivalent in amount to \$300,000 hence the statements made abroad that Germany is asking more than Great Britain are declared incorrect.

Germany was an apology for what are here called "diplomatic insults," asking only material satisfaction. It is settled that the German cruiser Spertler will sail for Venezuela January 6.

The L. Kalatziger, the only Berlin newspaper having a special correspondent at Caracas, prints a dispatch from the Venezuelan capital, dated December 29, relating the correspondent's experience in interviewing President Castro. He found Castro at General Alcantara's estate, at La Victoria, dancing at midnight. General Alcantara, who was waiting with a bundle of dispatches, remarked to the correspondent that "it wouldn't do to interrupt the President's pleasure even with State business." But the correspondent says he spoke to the President between dances and "after a conversational intercourse" inquired if he intended to give the powers satisfaction.

"Why, no," replied the President; "I am the one demanding satisfaction for insults."

"At this remark," the correspondent continues, "a lady clapped the President on the back and said: 'That's the way to talk, old boy.'"

Says a Paris telegram: A dispatch to the Matin from Caracas contains the statement that Venezuela has promised France to treat her claims like those of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, but that a similar promise was refused to Belgium, Spain and Holland.

THE BLOCKADE. A special to the New York Herald from Willemstad, Caracas, says: The Dutch steamer Prinz Willem IV, which arrived here this morning, was the last steamer from Europe to pass the blockade. The last American freight to pass the blockade left on the Red D Line steamer Merida for Puerto Cabello. No more foreign goods can enter Venezuela until the blockade is lifted.

Port Commerce is again in the hands of the rebels. President Castro is seriously crippled in his military operations because he has no warships to transport troops and his land forces.

Edison on the New Year. By telegram to the Observer: New York, Jan. 1.—Thomas A. Edison's New Year's offering to the world is a perfected storage battery. He says the problem of the coming year will be the lighting of bastions; the getting of electricity direct from coal; the getting of power cheaply from the elements, and the applying of electricity more generally to manufactures. He intends immediately attacking the problem of cheap electricity. He has good words for Marconi and wireless telegraphy, and has no faith in flying machines. He says that medicine has played out and that scientists may find the germ of old age. The newspaper, he says, is "the great school of the day." He looks for a wonderful year of progress.

A Cold Wave. The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a horse voice and a heavy snow may invade the vicinity of health in your own home. Caution people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure available at hand. E. W. Mason, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life. It cures Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure acts on the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heats and soothes the mucous membrane and strengthens the lungs. King Bros.

VENEZUELA AND ITS HISTORY.

Atlanta Journal.

We have all been talking about and watching Venezuela of late; but how many can tell anything right off hand about the history of that country? Here are some facts that may enable you to brush up a bit in your knowledge of Venezuela.

In the year 1498 Columbus discovered the eastern coast of Venezuela, and in 1499 Amerigo Vesputi explored the whole coast. They found an Indian village built on piles over the water as a precaution against inundations. They named the country Venezuela, or Little Venice, which was the name finally fastened to it.

The Spaniards afterwards conquered the Spaniards and Venezuela remained under Spanish rule until the early part of the nineteenth century. It was violently opposed to Joseph Bonaparte as Spanish king, and in 1811 threw off the allegiance to Spain and declared itself independent. In 1812 the treaty of Victoria restored it to Spain.

In 1813 General Simon Bolivar led a revolt against Spain and secured the independence of the country and the republic of Columbia was organized, consisting of New Granada, Venezuela and Ecuador.

In 1820 Venezuela withdrew from the Columbia republic and became an independent State. In 1830 Ecuador did the same thing, in a peaceful and amicable way.

After various disturbances in Venezuela, G. general Blanco, set up a provisional government in the year 1860, and the country enjoyed many years of genuine prosperity. He was a dictator, but he ruled well.

It is remarkable and astonishing how many countries Spain once owned, but which are now lost to the Spanish throne. The decadence of Spain as a world power has been rapid and disappointing to everyone. Venezuela lies in the tropics and contains nearly 400,000 square miles.

Collecting Debts by Force.

THE ATTEMPT COERCED VENEZUELA BY ENGLAND AND GERMANY INTO THE PAYMENT OF DEBTS, has a precedent in the effort of France to collect certain debts from Mexico, and which led ultimately to the further attempt to put Maximilian and the Archduchess Carlotta on the Mexican throne.

The amount owed to citizens of France, England and Spain amounted to seventy five millions of dollars—a quarter of a million being due to France only from Mexicans.

Finding it impossible to collect their claims by negotiations, the three governments, in 1861, arranged a joint expedition into Mexico, to compel her to make provision for payment. France determined, also, to establish a Latin empire in America—the expedition consisting of eighty-one vessels, carrying 1611 guns and 27,911 soldiers.

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When left alone France reinforced her army, and, during 1862, the French had great difficulty to hold their own against the Mexicans.

The siege of Puebla was defended with gallantry, but the French captured it on May 18, 1863.

The civil war in the United States during that year, and the Mexican government, which was the result of the French occupation of Mexico, was not pleasant, and Louis Napoleon then intimated to Maximilian that he should abdicate the crown. The Austrian lady told him he could not, in honor, forsake the Mexican leaders, who had risked their lives for his cause.

The French troops were withdrawn, and Maximilian was left to his fate—was shot, by the order of President Juarez on the 18th of June, 1867.

This ended the collection of foreign debts by warlike measures, and here began the downfall of Louis Napoleon III. His various and devious designs led him into war with Prussia, and he, himself, was soon forced to flee from France, as an exile or fugitive—and forever lost his empire.

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