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Christmas is about here—Christmas the saddest, sweetest time of the year. It is a period for entertainment and family reunion, and a time when one remembers how old one is, and how little he has really accomplished.

The old people say that only the world is old; that man is ever young, and the mere space of yesterday is between the young heart that yearned for the filled stocking and the old, feeble heart that may never throbb another Christmas day.

Venezuela is at war with England and Germany, all because she owed both these nations debts and ignored every effort they made to collect.

According to the time honored custom we will not issue The Times next week. And so we wish you one and all a merry Christmas.

ACTUAL WAR EXISTS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE ALLIES.

Washington, Dec. 11.—No doubt remains in the minds of members of the government that an actual state of war prevails between England and Germany on the one hand, and Venezuela on the other.

The information in regard to the Venezuelan situation which has come to the state department within the past 24 hours from Herbert W. Bowen, United States minister in Caracas, is summarized as follows.

Intense excitement prevails in Caracas. President Castro has entered on a policy of reprisal and has called on the Venezuelan people to resist foreign invasion.

From the United States consulate, Fort of Spain, Trinidad, the state department learns that the Venezuelan warship Bolivar was seized there yesterday by British

The latest advices from Mr. Bowen do not show that any conflict has taken place between the armed forces of Venezuela and those of the allies.

It is evident that messages sent from Caracas and La Guayra by telegraph are subject to great delay. The latest telegram received from Mr. Bowen came to the state department early this morning and while it did not contain the time of its transmission from Caracas, it was presumed from the information contained that it was filed there yesterday morning or afternoon.

All doubt as to the truth of the report that, after capturing the Venezuelan gunboats in La Guayra harbor, the allied forces took them out to sea and sunk them, was removed this afternoon by the receipt of the news that confirmation of this incident had been officially given in the British house of commons today.

It has been the understand here that while Germany and England would adopt stringent measures to compel Venezuela to pay the claims of their subjects conditions of actual war, with the consequent danger of blood shed; and the destruction of governmental and private property would be avoided.

Just one year ago today the German ambassador in Washington left with Secretary Hay a memorandum, setting forth the differences between the government and Venezuela and explaining what Germany proposed to do.

If you feel ill and need a pill, Why not purchase the best? Dewitt's Early Risers.

SURRY CO. EXHIBIT.

Table listing names and amounts for Surry Co. Exhibit, including names like E. H. Cockerham, S. V. Ellis, Frank Thompson, etc.

Table listing names and amounts for witnesses and cases, including names like Gid Caydie, Willie Blackburn, J. W. Holloway, etc.

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Exhibit showing the No of days Board of Com. of Surry County, were present. No. miles traveled by each.

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This the 1st day of Dec., 1902. T. W. DAVIS, Reg. Deeds of Surry Co.

The report on North Carolina's criminal statistics for the two years ending July 1 last, was finished today. In the first twelve months 4,286 whites, 4,010 negroes and 13 Indians were tried.

The Gid-Lillard Marriage.

A Beautiful Wedding.—One Of Elkin's Most Popular Young Ladies.

The prettiest wedding Elkin has ever had was solemnized here yesterday afternoon in the Methodist church. Miss Kate Gwyn was united to Mr. Mason Lillard.

The bride wore a beautiful travelling dress made of blue and panne velvet hat trimmed in green grapes.

The bridesmaid wore blue veiling over longzine silk trimmed in white medallion and panne velvet and a beautiful black picture hat.

The groom and best man wore plain black sack suits, black ties and grey gloves.

The little flower girl and ring bearer were perfectly lovely and charmed the audience.

The ushers wore black sack suits, white ties and grey gloves. The young couple is well known and it is unnecessary to say that the young lady will be greatly missed.

The church was beautifully decorated in holly and evergreens. Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Sherrill will remain here, visiting friends for a few days.

INTERESTING LETTER.

From Mr. W. H. Woods.

Silver City, New Mexico. Mr. Editor, A man may study Geography all his life, but he can never fully realize the wonderful extent and resources of this great country we live in, unless he makes a trip across it.

Silver City has a population of 3000, one third Mexicans who live in huts of adobe, and speak a conglomeration of Spanish and English.

Over at Fort Bayard, 6 miles from here, the U. S. is caring for over 200 of her soldiers, afflicted with throat and lung troubles, most of them victims of the Philippine war.

I have met but one North Carolina since coming here, and the reason must be that they all go back. For I believe that wherever they go, unless elated by unusual successes or engrossed in the acquisition of wealth, they finally find their way back to their native hills.

Very truly, W. H. Woods.

CHRISTMAS.

The time of year when the little folks are expecting something different from any other time and the older ones a change from the ordinary every-day life.

I have put in a stock of fancy groceries consisting in part as follows, Oranges, Raisins, Gigs, nuts Dates, Prunes, Olive, Pickles, Cocoanuts, Gelatine, Chocolates, Citron, Macaroni, Tapioca, Sardines, Apple and Peach Butter, Jelly, Uneda-Biscuit, Cream of wheat, Force, Oatmeal, Grape nuts, Fancy cakes, Royal Toast, Buby lynch biscuit, Zn Zu Ginger snaps, plain and fancy candy, Fire Crackers, Roman Candies, Sky Rockets, Tarpedoes, Toy pistols, Toy Watches, Vases, Albums, Silver and China Trinkets Tin toys Dolls etc.

Those in attendance from a distance are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox, from Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gwyn from North Wilkesboro, Mr. Vernon Lillard from Weston, Miss Julia Webb from Statesville and many others.

Christmas! Is Coming!

And you want to prepare something nice. Before beginning this preparation you will save a lot of trouble and worry if you will take The Times and read our list for there you will find everything you want and all you have to do is just step in, hand us your list, or call up No. 48 when it will be promptly filled.

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Purity Patent Flour, the finest flour on the market for pastry and cakes. Seeded Raisins, Dates, Figs, Citron Prunes, Cocoanuts and prepared cocoanut, Tapioca, corn starch, Maco and all kinds of extracts.

Candy! Candy!! Candy!!!

Candy horses, Candy toys, Candy for Girls, Candy for boys, Candy white, Candy blue, Candy red, Candy for those who wish to wed, Candy soft, Candy brittle, Candy tough, And if all will come there is Candy enough.

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