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VENUEZUELA INHERITED RIGHTS FROM SPAIN. Comprehensive Address by Senator Calcano at Caracas. HIGH AUTHORITIES QUOTED.

Venezuela Inherited Rights From Spain, He Says, and England, Being Able to Show No Deed, Has No Claim to the Disputed Territory. Holland Could Not Make Grants. The Venezuelan minister was in possession of no additional information today touching the boundary dispute. Every South American was busy today preparing his mail, which leaves this country tomorrow.

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Spanish nation. After a protracted struggle Venezuela assumed her independence from the mother country, and Spain recognized her sovereignty in the treaty of Madrid signed by the two countries March 30, 1845. England and the Netherlands (Holland) were not parties to the treaty. On August 13, 1874, a treaty of peace, by which the United Kingdom gave back to Holland all the colonies which she had taken from her, except the Cape of Good Hope, Essequibo, Berbice and Demarara. This English to Holland's responsibility, but neither can she have more or less than the originator had, nor the concessionary more or less as a concessionary than the donor had.

As to the right of Spain. By the Venezuelan stores don't de Ojeda began the discovery and conquest of Venezuelan territory; this territory is that which was granted by Charles V. to Diego de Rodal, to be ruled by him. Spain was primo-occupante; all the nations recognized it. But Spain, on account of war then existing in all Europe, had no time to do so, and as the fame of the richness of these regions extended, there were many trespassers, which finally brought about a war to repel the invaders. But when the war came to an end, and things to a new order, which territories were left to the new neighbors of our Guayana—the Dutch. On the Spanish side she claims none, and then what business has she there? She has such a deed, viz: The treaty of August 16, 1845, made at London, by which the Netherlands ceded to her their colonies of Good Hope, Essequibo, Berbice and Demarara. Nothing is said there about the Dutch claim, and it is clear that the Dutch were repelled by the Spaniards in 1595, or that in 1665 the former were once more compelled to retreat from the second town of St. Thomas. If the deed of property is not the title, then, then no title is valid. Either England has a deed of property over a portion of Guayana or she has none, and then what business has she there? She has such a deed, viz: The treaty of August 16, 1845, made at London, by which the Netherlands ceded to her their colonies of Good Hope, Essequibo, Berbice and Demarara. Nothing is said there about the Dutch claim, and it is clear that the Dutch were repelled by the Spaniards in 1595, or that in 1665 the former were once more compelled to retreat from the second town of St. Thomas.

Key Republican Pioneers. A local political association, to be known as the "Robert H. Key Republican Pioneers, No. 1," was organized last night at Owen's Hall, North Capitol street, with forty-three members. William J. Frank was elected temporary presiding officer. The full complement of officers will be chosen at the next meeting on Monday evening, when it is also expected the membership will be recruited from the northeast section to 100. The members pledged themselves to work and vote for the election of Robert H. Key and Col. M. M. Parker as Republican Presidential delegates. Key Pioneer Club, No. 2, will be organized in Southeast Washington; No. 3 in the southwest; No. 4 in North Washington, No. 5 in West Washington, and No. 6 in Georgetown. An effort will be made to organize Robert H. Key Pioneers in the country, all pledged to Key and Parker. Finest imported caviars, two pounds, \$1, at Buckingham's, 231 Pa. ave. S. Give him a pair of slippers. Get them at Stoll's, 810, from 48c. up.

AS THE CROWDS COME OUT. The more one sees of Tribby, which began its second week with a splendid audience at the Lafayette Square last evening, the more one is led to conclude that the dramatization of Du Maurier's remarkable work needs a deal of pruning and development. Also, the more one sees of it, the more one is convinced that few productions have ever been put upon the stage which leave such an unfortunate impression.

The whole play is glibly in its social and psychological features to any who look beneath the surface—a study of the hazardous character of existence, which makes one shudder from rise to fall of the curtain. Possibly this is a chief reason why it is so popular. Of the stage presentation there is little to add to what has been already said. The company is most admirable, and that almost without exception as to individuals. Lasky's small grows constantly in strength and refinement of appreciation of the stage creation of Du Maurier; of course a charming Zou Zou too much cannot be said in praise, and doubtless a more acceptable Zou Zou could not be found among American favorites. Really one of the highest compliments that can be given to the company and that it is thoroughly well balanced, each person apparently being chosen on account of peculiar individual fitness for his or her part.

"Charles's Aunt" is not new in Washington, but, as admirably played by Mr. Frothingham at the National Theater last evening, was enjoyable throughout its farcical lines. The weak point is the first act, when there is too much talk and too little action. It might easily be changed so as to move in quicker time and more humorously. As in most plays of that order the plot is improbable, if not impossible, but it is a clever idea, and the distinguished playwright, Mr. Thomas, has made the most of his opportunities.



only criticism is that he sawed the air too much with his elbows. Charley was played acceptably by Mr. Edward S. Abner. The well-known and sterling actors, Owen Fawcett and Frank Burbick, filled parts beneath their ability. The funny parts were of comparatively little importance, but were cleverly played by Edie Wilton, Fanny Hunt, Nanette Comstock and Leslie Haskel. All were witty and elegantly costumed. The stage features were an overture, "Morning Chimes," by J. A. Hartwell, and a band solo and piano accompaniment by Messrs. Houliher and Hartwick, duet from the "Blacksmith of Austerlitz," by L. P. Hartons and E. May. The program was a vocal solo by Miss Marie C. Lynch.

CLERGY ASK LEGISLATION. Ministers of District Prepare a Bill Amending Marriage Law. The ministers of the District have formulated for presentation to Congress a measure which, if adopted, will in their judgment meet the defects in the present marriage law, and relieve the clergy of the responsibilities imposed by the present law. The preachers complain that the present law makes them become detectives, and at the same time offers no safeguard nor guarantee against a possible mistake upon their part. The city clergy was largely represented at a meeting held at Fountain M. E. Church yesterday evening, when and where the bill was prepared and a committee appointed to present the bill to Congress. The committee is composed of Rev. M. F. B. Rice, chairman; Dr. Mackay-Smith, Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. C. C. Mendor, Rev. J. W. Cantor, Dr. B. M. Newman, Dr. W. Flizer, Father Stafford, Rabbi Stern, Rev. Appes, Rev. Brooks, Rev. Fout, Rev. Frank Sewell and Rev. Dr. Rogers, representing every denomination in the District.

Postmaster Order for Christmas Day. Postmaster Willett has directed that the money order and registry divisions of the main office will be closed to the public on Wednesday. A delivery by carrier at 12 m. office will be made at 7:45 a. m. and 12 m. Carriers' window will be open for delivery of mail at 12:30 a. m. and 5 p. m., deliveries at stations at 7:30 a. m., collections at 12 and 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., and county collections at 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. The following stations will be open to the public for transaction of business: Station B, 6 to 12 and 5 to 7 p. m.; Station C, 6 to 12 m. and 5 to 7 p. m.; Station D, 6 to 11 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m.; Station E, 7 to 11 a. m. If You Are In Doubt About a present are those panels of celestial art, all sizes, all prices, all styles. Artistic small gifts. 504 North 47th St. Artistic. Give him a pair of slippers. Get them at Stoll's, 810, from 48c. up.

CELEBRATED TOO EARLY. Police Court Filled With Before-the-Holiday Cases. LINE OF VAGS AND HOBOES. Plea of a Woman for Suspension of Sentence During the Christmas Season—Quick Return of a Man Taken Personal Bonds Had Been Taken. No Sympathy for Drunks. There was an unusually long line of prisoners in Judge Kimball's dock when court opened this morning. Present celebrators of Christmas Day were out in force last night, and a large number of them fell foul of the police.

His Money is Gone. "Your honor," said Riley, "I have worked in quarries and railroads all my life, and a vagrant I can't possibly be. I got here last Friday with \$12, but that has gone. I might, in my hunger, have asked some one for money, but I'm not a vagrant. 'Bonds of ninety days.' Becky Poundexter, colored, got out of the workhouse two days ago and fondly hoped to eat a Christmas dinner with her friends. But her old rum habit came back on her, and last night she fell by the wayside to such an extent that a couple of brawny policemen had to run her to the workhouse. 'She pleads guilty, your honor, and wants to make a statement,' said Lawyer Peyton, who introduced her to the court. 'What is the case, officer?' 'She was very drunk on the street, your honor, and was cursing and swearing,' said the officer. 'What do you want to say, Rebecca?' 'Judge,' said Becky, tearfully, 'I only got out of the workhouse two days ago, and I don't want to go back until after Christmas.' 'Well, why did you get into this trouble?' 'I was drinking, judge,' she replied. 'Yes, drinking will always get you into trouble.' 'She wants to spend Christmas at home,' said Lawyer Peyton. 'Can't you take her personal bonds until after Christmas?' 'If she wasn't such an old offender I'd do it,' replied Judge Kimball; 'but she'll have to pay a fine of \$5.' Becky's condition, it was said, was the next fifteen days in the workhouse.

FOUGHT ALL THE WAY. Henry Hill, a colored man, whose visage is frequently seen over the dock rail, was charged by Police Officer Adair with disorderly conduct, and pleaded not guilty. 'He was very drunk on Seventh street judge, and when I arrested him I took both his coat and myself to keep him in the patrol wagon. He fought us all the way to the station.' 'Judge, you honor, I didn't say nothing at all, we're disappointed men, we're in the country, I had been out with a front street in our 'we was drinkin' a little, but we didn't start nobody.' 'The officer arrested you for nothing, I suppose,' said the court. 'Yes, sir, I wasn't doin' a thing.' 'And you behaved yourself all the way to the station house, did you?' 'Yes, indeed, we did.' 'Yes, I guess you did. Ten dollars fine or thirty days.'

TEMPLARS' GRAND BODY. District Knights Organize and Elect Officers for the Jurisdiction. The Knights Templar of the District have organized a grand commandery for this jurisdiction, and have elected officers as follows: Grand commander, Noble D. Larner, of the Moly, No. 4; deputy grand commander, Frank H. Thomas, of Columbia, No. 2; grand generalissimo, H. W. Barber, of Columbia, No. 3; grand captain general, E. G. Davis, of Washington, No. 1; grand squire, Alex. McKnight, of Oriental, No. 3; grand junior warden, W. T. Gallinger, of the Moly, No. 4; grand treasurer, H. C. Chamberlain, of Columbia, No. 2; grand recorder, J. Johnson, of the Moly, No. 4; grand standard bearer, George E. F. Folsom, No. 3; grand sword bearer, Robert E. Constant, of Columbia, No. 2; grand warden, Joseph Brummett, of Washington, No. 1. The captain of the guard will be appointed later.

There Will Be No War. Editor Times: I agree with the Times as to the bad policy of the President's message, the Monroe doctrine, and its injurious effects on the business interests of the country. But the public mind is simply a repetition of the political trick played by the President in his message. At that time we had a controversy with Great Britain about our northwestern boundary, and in order to excite the people and carry the election they raised the cry of "Fifty-four forty or fight." On that issue and with a cry of "Fifty-four forty or fight" the territory in dispute was asserted to be unquestionable, and yet, in 1846, the administration made a treaty ignominiously surrendering that territory to Great Britain.

Collected, Quarrelled—Arrested. William Nelson, while driving around last night, ran into the team of Charles Ridgely, colored, and North Capitol street. Nelson badly damaging the latter's buggy. Both men were real mad over the affair, and they at once proceeded to quarrel. Their loud threats attracted Patrolman Barnes, who arrived just in time to prevent a big fight. Both men were taken to the station, where a charge of disorderly conduct was returned against them. Nelson received a double charge, of disorderly conduct and reckless driving; Ridgely was locked up, but Nelson returned \$10 collateral and was released.

In Advance of Santa Claus. Thomas W. Smith, whose office is at the corner of Second street and Indiana avenue, introduced the Christmas gift-giving feature at his establishment last night by presenting to each of his employees a fine turkey. Over 100 of the birds were distributed. They were obtained from the Virginia pastures, and were in all respects of the most approved holiday pattern.

Their Sanity Questioned. Applications for writs in lunacy were filed today as to the persons named as follows: Edward B. Stone, affidavit signed by Francis A. Wood, No. 402 A street southeast; Patrick O'Connor, affidavit by Intendant W. H. Stoutenburg.

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O'HARE'S Cash Grocery, 1420 7th St. N. W. Physicians recommend National Capital Recurring Co's "Mucocin" because it is free from alcohol, from malt and hops, bottles only J. F. HERMANN & SON, 750 to 754 Tenth St. S. E. A trial will convince you of its medicinal qualities.

Stroll's shoes The Christmas McClure's



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Many Portraits and Illustrations INCLUDING Mr. and Mrs. Hall Caine—Ballouville Cottage; his home when a child—Greta Castle, where he wrote "The Manxman"—Kirk Manghold, which figures in "The Manxman"—Lezayre church, where Kate was married—Bishop's Court, where Dan Milroye in "The Deemster"—Many scenes in the Isle of Man—Hall Caine's Library.

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