

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Today's Weather.

Washington, December 17.—East Texas—Partly cloudy Thursday; probably showers in the interior; warmer on the coast; light east to southeast winds. Friday probably showers.

Table with columns: Station, Max., Min., Rain, State of weather. Includes cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, etc.

VENEZUELA.

Formal notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast may be issued today, and, according to the Germans, "United States ships will be on probationary the same basis as those of other nations."

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"Jim" Howard, convicted of the murder of Goebel, a new trial.

The food situation in Tennessee and Mississippi has been relieved.

WASHINGTON.

Special Agent Evans of El Paso, Texas, reports the seizure of \$24,000 worth of diamonds, smuggled from England via New York.

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BARTLETT'S COUP D'ETAT

The Georgia Democrat Forced Action On Trust Legislation.

HALF A MILLION FOR PROSECUTIONS

The Senate Passed the Pension and Urgent Deficiency Bills, Appropriating \$140,995,400.

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