ALLIES ARE DRIVEN BACK ACROSS AISNE

Germans, With Kaiser Looking On, Wage Determined Battle Around Soissons.

PRISONERS TAKEN

French Say Retirement Is Due to Floods Which Threatened Lines Communication - Belgians Destroy Depot.

LONDON, Jan. 14.-The German and French accounts of the fighting on the western front agree in declaring there has been a desperate battle near Sois-The issue is not wholly decided. but the Germans are believed to have but the Germans are believed to have gained ground northeast of the town, while the French wholly failed to make progress. The French are now described as taking up new positions on the south bank of the Aisne.

Emperor William in person directed the battle on the plain of Vregny. Inspired by his presence, the German troops cleared this important elevated position of the enemy.

Westende Reduced to Ruins,

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The German official report, received from Berlin by wireless, said:

"In the western theater of the war, in the dunes near Nieuport and southwest of Ypres, artillery combats are going on. The enemy directed an extremely strong fire on Westende, which they soon will have entirely destroyed. Their torpedo-boats disappeared quickly as soon as they received our fire.
"In continuation of their activities on January 8, northeast of Soissons, our troops again made an attack on the heights of Vregny and cleared this elevated plain of the enemy. In a pouring rain and deeply sodden clay, trench after trench was taken by storm until after dark and the enemy was driven back to the border of the elevated plain. Fourteen French officers and 1130 men were taken prisoners, and four cannon, four machine guns and a searchlight were captured—a brilliant feat for our troops under the very eyes of their uppermost war lord.

Frenck Prisoners Captured.

French Prisoners Captured.

"Northeast of the camp of Chalons, the French attacked again yeaterday in the morning and afternoon with strong forces, to the east of Perthes. They forces, to the east of related places, dur trenches, but were resulted by chergetic counter attacks and driven back with heavy losses into their own positions, leaving 160 prisoners in our

"In the Argonne and the Vosges "In the Argonne and the Vosges nothing of importance has occurred."

The early French official statement agreed as to the determined character of the fighting near Soissons. The French could make no material progress on the left of their Soissons line. They held their positions on the center and were compelled to yield on their right.

Belgians Destroy Ammunition Depot.

"To the north of Solssons there was determined fighting all day yesterday. The engagement was localized to a section of the ground to the north of Crouy. We hold only the first slopes of these hills. On our left, in this field, our counter attack made slight progress, but without succeeding in recording a material advance. On the center we retained our position. reas, but without succeeding in recording a material advance. On the center we retained our positions around the village of Crouy, in spite of the repeated efforts of the enemy to dislodge us, but on the east in front of Vregny we

were obliged to yield. Alsne Continues in Flood, "The continued flood stage of the River Alsne has carried away several of the regular bridges as well as some of the temporary foot bridges which we threw across the river. The lines of threw across the river. The lines of communication for our troops were consequently made uncertain. Under these conditions, we established ourselves on the south bank of the river in the region between Crouy and Missy, with bridge heads on the north bank in our pressession.

"Along the remainder of the front of the River Alone there was yesterday nothing more than artillery exchanges. nothing more than artillery exchanges. "In Champagne the region of Porthes continued to be the scene of local engagements for the possession of German trenches on the second and third lines of defense. To the north of Beausejour we blaw up some of the enemy's positions, to make impossible his laying of mines. The Germans, believing they were being attacked, manned their trenches. We then opened a violent artillery and infantry fire on these positions."

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The later report of the French War
Office issued from Paris says:

"Last night our troops were successful in a sudden attack with the object of overwhelming the trenches recently constructed by the Germans to the northeast of Fourquescent, north of Reye, Department of the Somme.

The attacks of the enemy in the region to the north of Soissons have been stopped.

seven different regiments.

To sum up, the success is a partial one for our adversaries, which will have no influence on the operations as a whole. In fact, by reason of the obstacles presented by the Aisne and the dispositions which we have taken, the enemy will be unable to utilize to the courts of the river file success which outh of the river the success which is of purely local character.
"On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

ITURBIDE IN LONG FLIGHT

(Centiqued From First Page.) took command of the situation. kept order in the city and turned it over to the Zapata commanders. He had, however, incurred the enmity of the Zapata faction because he commanded a detachment of troops which Glendale, cost Douglas County \$1460, fought them in the outskirts of Mexico City during Carbajal's brief adminis-

tration, 50 Zapatistas having been

tration, 50 Zapatistas having been killed in the battle.

When General Palafox, the Zapata commander, arrived he ordered the arrest of Iturbide, who, scenting trouble, had hidden in a private house in Mexico City. Silliman and Canova interceded and a fair trial was promised, but he doubted the wisdom of surrendering and remained in hiding. Finally through the efforts of the American Government, General Gutterreg, as Provisional President, signed an order giving Iturbide safe conduct to the United States.

Villa Orders Arrest.

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Canova left Mexico City on the same train with Iturbide, but before they had proceeded far an order was issied by Vilia for the arrest of Iturbide. At the same time a statement was given out by General Palafox, Minister of Agriculture in the Gutierrez Cabinet, charging Silliman and Canova had accepted a bribe for their efforts in getting the fugitive out of Mexico City. This was vigorously denied by them and the charges were ignored by the State Department.

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"I rode on that train," said Iturbide tonight. "Just one day, for I realized that the secret service men were trailing me and that an order for my arrest

would come any minute.
"I wrote my will and gave it to Mr.
Canova and slipped off the train just south of Aguas Calientes. I walked around almiesely for 69 miles and finaround rancher. around almiesely for or marked and ally got a horse on a ranch. For 15 days I rode, disguised as a rancher, and made my way to the American border, cluding troops and police by traveling mostly at night and sleeping by day. I had left my baggage on the train.

He Swims Rio Grande

"When I finally got to the Rio Grande I was afraid to go to any of the bridges for fear the secret service men would be waiting for me. I have always been a good swimmer, so I plunged in and swam the river. An Englishman, whose name I will not mention, met me and gave me some clothes. I was destitute when I arrived."

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Last year Iturbide was worth several millions. His property has now been confiscated and his funds in Mexico banks similarly appropriated by the different chiefs. By selling some of his property to foreigners he saved a small sum from the wreck.

The episode has an interesting sequel in the status of Leon Canova, who, it was said, became persona non grata to General Palafox and General Villa, because of his part in the escape of Iturbide. Canova has been in Washington for several days. General Villa, it is said, issued the order for Iturbide's arrest without knowing that General Guiterrez had issued a safe conduct.

General Gutlerrez had issued a sate conduct.

As soon as the situation is explained to all the chiefs it is believed Canova will go back to Mexico to continue his work for the American Government. He acted constantly under instructions from Washington. Secretary Bryan took a personal interest in the case.

One of the numerous reports the State Department had of Iturbide told of how, soon after Vera Cruz was seized by American forces and anti-American feeling was running high in Mexico City, he made a wild dash in a motor to a prison and saved two American newspapermen from execution as spies. The correspondents had been found with codes in their possession.

Since his arrival in Washington

Since his arrival in Washington Iturbide called at the British and Spanish embassies in an effort to ar-range for the safe departure of his wife. When he learned today that she was finally in the United States he was overcome with joy.

ALBANY VETERAN IS DEAD

J. F. Wafer Is Second G. A. R. Com

Belgians Destroy Ammunition Depot.

The text of the French report was:

"In Belgium, the firing of our artillery was interfered with by the fog; nevertheless the cannonading yesterday was very spirited in the vicinity of Nieuport and around Ypres. Certain detachments of Belgian troops blew up, at a point to the southeast of Stuyveknes. Rerke, the buildings on a farm which were serving the enemy as a depot for his ammunition.

"Between the Lys and the Oise, in the region of Lens, our artillery was successful in dispersing a group of German ploneers on the outskirts of the hamlet of Angres, and it hombarded effectively the German trenches to the southeast of the Chapel of Notre Dame of Lorette.

J. F. Wafer Is Second G. A. R. Commander to Die in Month.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—John Francis Wafer, commander of McPherson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, died last night at his home in North Albany at the second commander of the local post to die within a month. L. J. Fish, former commander, died December 21, and Mr. Wafer was chosen to succeed him. Commander Wafer was too ill to be present when the other new officers were installed a week ago.

Mr. Wafer was born in Hilinois and served throughout the Civil War in Company D. 22d Illinois Volunteer In-

BANK OFFICERS ELECTED

Frank J. Miller, Railroad Commissioner, Heads Albany Concern.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—
Frank J. Miller, State Railroad Commissioner, has been elected president of the Albany State Bank. He had been vice-president heretofore. J. L. Tomlinson succeeded Mr. Miller as vice-president, H. N. Bouley was elected as cashier and E. B. Williamson, assistant cashier.

All of the Albany banks elected offi-

All of the Albany banks elected offi-cers Tuesday. E. D. Cusick, Joint Sen-ator for Linn and Laue Counties, was elected president; Charles H. Cusick, vice-president, and Harry B. Cusick, cashler of the Bank of J. W. Cusick & Co. The First National Bank of Al-bany re-elected its officers as follows: S. T. Young, president; Alfred C. Schmitt, vice-president; O. A. Archi-baid, cashler; J. C. Irvine, Raiph E. Mc-Kechnie and Ralph Knotts assistant cashlers.

gate the proposition.

Benjamin Bass, Newberg, Buried.

A plain statement of facts

regarding sales

You know my reputation for handling nothing but the finest

You know that I am going to move in two weeks.

kind of wearing apparel for men and women.

You know that it is to my advantage to have every one in Portland and vicinity know of my new store in the Stevens Building, at Washington and West Park, that opens Feb. 1.

You know, and I know, that my future depends on the impressions you gain and retain of my business now and in the

You know, therefore, that the statements made regarding the offerings in this ad are facts-that you owe it to yourself to investigate the difference between these and other offerings in this store as compared to the "hurrah" stuff that is undermining the reputation of all good merchants in our community.

Only two days more of this offering, Friday and Saturday. Ladies' and Men's Balmacaan Overcoats, hand tailored in the mid-season styles from finest imported Scotch and English tweeds, "Priestley Cravenetted," in all popular and new mixtures and shades.

\$25 and \$30 Balmacaans for less than the cost of \$19.75 materials and labor . .

These are offered at this price only for today and to-

TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH

Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses

Mid-season arrivals at these real reductions:

\$45 and \$50 garments, **\$21.75** \$55 and \$60 garments, **\$26.25** \$25 and \$30 garments, \$11.75 \$35 and \$40 garments, \$16.75 \$70 and \$80 garments, \$31.50

Two Neckwear offerings that will astonish and surprise you at the utter disregard for intrinsic selling values.

And the \$1.50 and \$2.00 kind for 85¢

CHESTERFIELD CLOTHES

The standard of the country for Men and Young Men, at these prices

\$20.00 Overcoats \$13.50 and Suits \$25.00 Overcoats and Suits \$16.75 \$30.00 Overcoats \$19.25

and Suits \$22.25 and Suits \$26.75 and Suits\$29.50

R. M. GRAY

273-275 Morrison at Fourth

Infantry Made to Look Like Straw Stacks, Cannon Resemble Piles of Brush.

AIRMEN OFTEN DECEIVED

Previous Familiarity With Country Essential to Scouting Duty and Photography Indispensable Adjunct of Mission.

piles of brushwood. "Observation indders are 'made up'

fantry from the eye of the air scout. Previous Acquaintance Required.

is a complete previous acquainfance after the House passed the standard with it. In certain regions that I explored frequently during the battle of the Mouse, the Marne there was a wood that we adjournment of the House. Thus he airmen called the 'U' wood; to us it surrendered the right of his committee

The attacks of the enemy in the region to the north of Soissons have been stopped.

"We were obliged to abandon several cannon as the result of the breaking down of a bridge. We have rendered all of them unfit for use.

"The Germans have made prisoners, particularly of wounded men, who in the withdrawal movement we were not able to take with us. On our side we have made a number of important prisoners, not wounded, belonging to several different regiments.

"To sum up, the success is a partial" and not far from there three round objects, each one between gray lines, are simply three German batteries that worked havor in the allies' ranks un-til, after three days' bunting, we lo-cated them cated them. Great Holes Look Like Peas.

Benjamin Bass, Newberg, Buried.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)

Benjamin R. Bass was buried here yesterday. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in 1840 in Newberg 11 years, coming here from Tracy, Minn. He was the father of Mrs Floy H. Davey, of Goldfield, Nev., and Ernest, who is a missionary in China. Mrs. L. S. Otis and Mrs. A. T. Behnke, of Newberg, are daughters by a former marriage.

Three Farnum Trials Cost \$4460.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)

The three trials of Roy Farnum, who

Wood Pipe Men Busy. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—That certain Portland interests, principally wood pipe makers, con-

tractors and a group of bond buyers, would make a serious effort to defeat the proposal for a steel pipe line to the south fork of the Clackamas River became known here from an authoritative source last night.

Since the South Fork water committee has not yet signed a contract with the Oregon Engineering & Construction Company for the building of a steel line, wood pipe makers still see a possibility that their product may be selected. Attorneys representing Portsibility that their product may be se-lected. Attorneys representing Port-land interests have made a number of trips to Oregon City during the last week an an effort has been made to bring pressure to bear on the members of the committee.

The amendment which will be sub-

The amendment which will be submitted to the voters has been prepared and has been sent to Boston bond experts, who will examine it. The document was prepared by Morris Bros. of Portland, and last week the committee checked it over with City Attorney Schuebel and L. Stipp.

The proposed amendment will be submitted to the Council in the form of an ordinance. Twenty-one days are required to call a special city election, so that it is probable that the issue

so that it is probable that the issue will be put before the voters about March 1.

TRICK KILLS BOX BILL

SINNOTT CHARGES BAD FAITH BY DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.

Apple Standard Measure, Losing Its Place on Calendar, Now Must Go Over to Next Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Wash-

ington, Jan. 14 .- Representative Sinnof artillery and detachments of ining to legislative trickery yesterday to kill the Oregon apple box bill, which but for their activities probably would have been passed before adjournment. Representative Ashbrook, chairman There is only one thing that will of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, which reported the applications in the natural appearance of the ground he is flying over and that

FOR DEER AND IS SHOT. Aged Father Finds Body in Forest on Anderson Creek and Day's Bag

Discovered Nearby.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)
—Charles Thomasen, aged 25, was found dead at 12 o'clock today in the wilderness on the right fork of Anderson Creek by his aged father. It is believed he was the victim of an unidentified slayer who, according to the first theories advanced, mistook him

first theories advanced, mistook him The first word of the death of Thomasen reached this city about 4 o'clock. Sheriff Singler, Deputy Wilson and Coroner Perl left at once for the scene. Two deer were found by the side of the slain man and according to the telephone message, received in this city Thomasen was stooping over when the shot was fired.

North Bend Banks Join and Install MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 13.—(Spe clal.)—In the organization of the Con-solldated Bank of Oregon and First National Bank, North Bend, these officers were installed: Henry G. Kern, presi-dent; C. S. Winsor, vice-president; John H. Greves, cashier, and H. L. Bergman, assistant cashier.

Mexican Leader Says Purpose Is to Emancipate Women of Lower Classes.

LEADERS

Bonds May Be Dissolved by Mutual Consent Where Couple Have Lived Together Three Years-Unions Now Chiefly Illegal.

VERA CRUZ. Jan. 4 .- (Correspond-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The American Red Cross announced today that it would be glad to receive at its head-guarters have added to his programme of reforms the granting of absolute divorce.

Any Judge in Mexico—If he cares to take the chahee of Carranza's reseating himself at Chapultepec—may now annul a marriage contract. The law became effective on New Year's day.

Mexico has heretofore never granted more than a legal separation. The new law not only provides for divorce with the right to remarry, but makes the dissolution of the union so simple that the mere agreement of man and wife to break their marital contract is sufficient.

Other Leaders of Like Mind.

If the factions headed by Villa and Zapata and Guiterrez should not agree to duplicate Carranza's decree, or if Carranza should fail to retake the capatal and restore himself to power, a state of marital relations not differing greatly from bigamy may be example.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The American Red Cross announced today that it would be reach Remember the "dose" mother insisted on —castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you hated them, how you hated them, how you hated them. With our children it was leaded to his lay, occasioned by an earthquake state of may destroyed may thousands of lives and to have destroyed which is reported to have destroyed may thousands of lives and to have destroyed the rendered homeless by the Meesing are injured by them.

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S. T. Young. president; Alfred C. Schmitt, vice-president, and Ralph Knotts assistant cashiers.

DOUGLAS FISHERMEN ACT Increase in Storage Capacity of Umpqua Hatchery Desired.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Declaring that had never seen before the state hatchery, on the North Umpqua River, its about 10,000,000, the members of the storage capacity for two discover the newly-thrown up ridge that had never seen before that is about 10,000,000, the members of the storage capacity of two discover the newly-thrown up ridge of alline of trevokes and the explaned during the storage capacity for young fish is only about 1,500,000, the members of the Douglas County Game Protective Association last night decided to ask the Douglas County Game Protective Association last night decided to ask the policy of the policy and the policy of the policy and the policy of the storage capacity of two discovers of the morrow if our three-storage capacity of the storage capacity of the

fenses usually listed in most divorce laws as reasons for separations are given, but there are a few unusual features as well. Abandonment on the part of the wife is defined as "abandonment without cause of the conjugal home, even though it be for a single night." Toward the husband the law is more lentent. His absence from home shall not be regarded as abandonment unless he has remained away "for 30 consecutive nights."

The wife who refuses to support her husband when he is out of work and when she has money shall be adjudged as having given grounds for divorce. One restriction has been placed in that section relating to divorce by mutual consent. It is specified that in that case the parties must have lived together at least for three years.

together at least for three years. Many Unions Now Illegal. Carranza, commenting on his decree said that marriage among the lower classes was exceptional; that "those unions which do exist rarely are legal.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Chart H. Witchers best remedy for reducing the number of illegitimate unions, which he admitted characterized a great part of the unions of Mexico. He was chiefly concerned, however, in alleviating the condition of woman, especially the woman of the middle and lower classes.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 14. (Special.)

Classes.

"It is a fact," he said, "beyond all doubt that in the middle classes the woman, due to special conditions of education and customs, is incapacitated for successful participation in the economic struggle. On this account the woman whose marriage has become a farce finds herself the victim of her husband, placed in a condition of sinvery from which she cannot escape except by means of a law that will break the bond joining her to her husband and so emancipating her."

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 11. (Special.)
—At the annual meeting of the Rose-burg Commercial Club last night, Harry Pearce, a local harness merchant, was elected president of the organization for the year. Other officers elected were: A. J. Liburn, vice-president; Struggle. On this account the woman Mosephson, secretary; John Throne, treasurer; B. W. Bates, Carl D. Shoe-maker and Bert Sutherland, trustees.

AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WILL SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITALY.

Money Given Will Be Forwarded to Sufferers in Earthquake Zone Through State Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.-The Ameri

If Cross, Feverish, Constituated, Give "California Syrup of Figs."

TODAY, 9:30 A. M. Standard Makes Men's Shoes Less Than Half Price All Have Factory Name and Price Stamped on Soles

Men's G. G. Snow's Fine Union-Made Shoes, pair . . . Nettleton \$6.00 and \$6.50 Dress Shoes at, the pair... Howard & Foster \$5 and \$6 Dress Shoes now, pair... "Regal" \$4.00 Shoes and Oxfords now only, the pair . \$1.98 Men's \$4.00 Ralston Shoes and Oxfords now, the pair . \$1.98 Men's \$3.00 Victor Shoes and Oxfords now, the pair . . \$1.48

\$1.98 See the Great Lot of Men's High-Cuts \$1.98

\$1.48 FOR BOYS' HIGH-CUTS. Black and tans with buckles.....



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