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## WHITE HOUSE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION IS GREATEST EVER

President Taft Shakes Hands With 8,092 People at Event in Washington.

### FOREIGN DIPLOMATS THERE IN COSTUME

Added to Brilliance of Occasion—Many Notables Participate in Function.

#### MANY SHAKE TAFT'S HAND.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—By official count, 8,092 persons shook hands with President Taft at the New Year's reception which proved the most notable ever held by any president.

#### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Taft presided today for the third time at the historic New Year's reception at the White House. President and Mrs. Taft surrounded by members and ladies of the cabinet, were received in the blue room. After greeting the diplomats, the President received the supreme court and other federal judges and government officials of all ranks, senators, representatives, officers of the army and navy, members of patriotic societies and all foreign representatives in court costume and their presence added brilliance of coloring to the scene.

Admiral Dewey was the center of interest as usual when the navy contingent reached the White House. Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles also attracted much attention.

Dr. Mary Walker, in a silk hat, frock coat and trousers was among the first of the citizens to greet the President.

A prominent figure was Robert E. Peary who appeared for the first time in his rear admiral's uniform.

The breakfast to diplomats by Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox shortly after noon was a brilliant continuance of a custom almost as old as the presidential reception to the public. The function occurred in the building of the Pan-American Union, marking a departure from precedents of previous receptions by being held at the home of the secretary of state.

#### Taft's New Year's

President Taft was a weary man before the New Year's day reception was over, but his perennial smile concealed the fact. An ingenious statistician has figured that he shook a mile of hands last New Year's day, and this time he had nearly two miles of shaking. Last January 2, the statistician wrote as follows:  
"The Taft handshake yesterday was a long one. It is estimated that all the hands if raised one above the other would be taller than the combined heights of Eiffel tower, the Metropolitan Life tower, the Singer building, the Washington monument and St. Peter's dome, in Rome.  
"The president shook the hands of 5,575 persons in three hours. The average length of a hand is seven inches. The total length of the hands shaken computed on this basis is 39,025 inches, or 3,252 feet 1 inch, or over half a mile.  
"The Eiffel tower is 985 feet high, the Metropolitan tower 657 feet, the Singer building 612 feet, the Washington monument 555 feet and St. Peter's dome 330 feet, a total of 2,137 feet, as against the president's handshake of 3,252 feet high, or as long as you wish to compute it."

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## BANKER FACES BIG SHORTAGE

E. T. Barnette Accused of Making Away With \$317,000 at Fairbanks, Alaska.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—United States Marshal H. K. Love of Alaska, is here with indictments by the federal grand jury at Fairbanks, charging E. T. Barnette, president of the Washington Alaska Bank of that city, with the embezzlement of \$317,000 from that institution. Barnette will be given a preliminary hearing next Wednesday.

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## TWO DEATHS MAR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mrs. Carpenter, Sister of Anson and S. C. Rogers, and Mrs. Emma Craddock, Daughter of S. C. Rogers, Succumb.

Today is anything but a Happy New Year's in the Rogers' homes on Coos River, the Angel of Death having taken two members of the family in two days.

Mrs. Maria D. R. Carpenter, sister of Anson Rogers, Sr., and S. C. Rogers, died yesterday morning at her home on South Coos River after a brief illness.

This morning, a message was received by S. C. Rogers announcing that his daughter, Mrs. Emma Craddock, had died at Redding, Cal., following an operation for appendicitis.

**Mrs. Carpenter Pioneer.**  
Mrs. Maria Carpenter was a Coos county pioneer, having moved here about thirty-five years ago. She was eighty-one years old and was born in Vermont. She is survived by one child, Miss Fannie Carpenter, who made her home with the mother. Her husband, Wm. Carpenter, died about fifteen years ago. He was a graduate of Yale. Other surviving relatives are Anson Rogers, Sr., S. C. Rogers, Mrs. Marion Yoakam of Marshfield, Amos C. Rogers of San Francisco and Mrs. Cynthia Parker of Middle Granville, Washington county, N. Y., and their families.

Mrs. Carpenter had been bed-ridden for only two days although she had been ailing for a week. Par-

alysis and a complication of this incident to her advanced age were the cause of death.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the Carpenter residence on Coos River, Rev. R. E. Browning officiating. Short services will be held at the grave at the Coos River cemetery at 11 o'clock. The Express will leave Marshfield at 9:45 Tuesday morning to accommodate people here desiring to attend the services.

**Mrs. Emma Craddock.**  
Mrs. Emma Craddock was the second eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rogers and would have been 43 years old May 22, 1912. She was married to C. A. Craddock about nineteen years ago. For several years, they made their home in Coos county. Mr. Craddock for a long time being manager of the Lorenz store at Bandon. About six years ago, they moved from Bandon to California to make their home.

Eight days ago, Mrs. Craddock underwent an operation for appendicitis. Early advices were that she was getting along nicely but unexpected complications proved fatal.

Besides her husband and three sons and parents, Mrs. Craddock is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The latter are Frank Rogers and Herbert Rogers of Coos River, and Mrs. Nellie Coffelt-Elzy of North Dakota, and Mrs. A. J. Sherwood of Coquille.

Definite advices relative to the funeral or whether the body will be brought here for burial have not been received yet.

## CHINESE REBELS OPEN ATTACK ON CITY OF HANKOW TODAY

### SAY EMPEROR ALREADY GONE

Believe That Infant Ruler of China Has Been Spirited Away From Peking.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The United States State Department officials are inclined to believe China's infant emperor has already been spirited from Peking by his father, Prince Chun, and is being conveyed to the summer residence of the court at Jehol, or is bound for the ancient influences essentially Chinese. In Harbin, the young emperor will be dominated by Russian influences. It probably was easier to get the emperor out of Peking than to remove the great treasure which the throne has accumulated in the forbidden city. This is estimated to amount to as much as ten million pounds sterling, most of it in gold bullion and silver nuggets.

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## CHINA PEACE PLANS FIXED

Composition of National Assembly to Agree on Form of Government Agreed to.

(From Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1.—The composition of the Chinese National Convention suggested by Premier Yuan Shi Kai and accepted by the Imperial Court at Peking to settle the future form of government in China was decided on today and during a session of the peace conference between the delegates of the Imperialists and revolutionaries. Each of the eighteen provinces in China, proper, will according to the scheme adopted form one section and inner and outer Mongolia will each compose one section and eastern and western Tibet also one section each. Each section is to be entitled to elect and send three delegates to the conference.

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(By Associated Press.)

### SLIGHT OBJECTION BRINGS FATAL RESULT

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Joseph Sauer's mild objection to the enthusiasm of a New Year's party in an Eastside apartment early today started a shooting affray in which James Dunbar was killed and another fatally injured and a third seriously hurt. Sauer is being held by the police.

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## THREE VICTIMS OF NEGRO MOB

Blacks on Island in Mississippi Below Memphis Attack White Men.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 1.—William Hardesly is said to have been killed and his body burned, and Charles Young and James Molloy, rivermen, seriously wounded by a mob of fifteen negroes on Centennial Island in the Mississippi river, twenty miles north of here, according to a story told today by Young, who with Molloy has been sequestered since Wednesday. The tragedy occurred Monday, last, but fear sealed the mouths of the wounded men. Young declares the negroes accused them of selling whiskey to customers who usually traded with the colored men.

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## DYNAMITE CASE TO END SOON

Government Officials Think Labor Leaders Will Plead Guilty Like McNamara's.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—"This will be a fight to the finish. I want all workmen to know that," declared Attorney Job Harriman, counsel for Tveitmo, Johannsen and Hunsey, the indicted labor leaders, today. The statement was made when Harriman's attention was called to the declaration by the federal officials that they expected the dynamite conspiracy case to end as did the trial of James B. McNamara.

"There are no confessions to be made this time," said Harriman. According to the plan of the defendants, they will go into Judge Olen Welborn's court tomorrow and plead not guilty to the indictment charging them with conspiracy to transport dynamite in violation of the interstate commerce laws and ask permission to file a demurrer to the indictment. Harriman said he would also represent Eugene A. Clancy, former business agent of the Structural Iron Workers' Union of San Francisco, who is seriously ill at home in that city. Other attorneys have been chosen to take part in the defense but Harriman declines to name them at this time.

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## GIVES LIFE TO 300 MEN AT WORK ON LINE

Fourteen-year-old Girl Steps in Front of Step-Father's Revolver.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times)

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Bertha Reiman, a fourteen-year-old girl, stepped in front of a revolver held by her step-father, George Benz, today and received in the temple two bullets which had been intended for her mother. The girl died a half hour later. The mother was uninjured. Benz was captured.

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(By Associated Press.)

### WOLGAST NOW HAS PNEUMONIA DANGER

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—Add Wolgast, champion lightweight of the world, who is recuperating from the effects of the operation for appendicitis, is now threatened with pneumonia as the result of a cold he contracted recently.

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## SOUTHERN PACIFIC CONTRACTORS INCREASE FORCE ON ROAD TO COOS BAY.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 1.—W. R. Fountaine, engineer in charge of the construction of the Southern Pacific line to Coos Bay, has returned from a trip of several days over this line. Mr. Fountaine says that provisions have been made for the immediate establishment of camps every three miles along the right-of-way between Eugene and the tunnel. The plan is to begin clearing at each of the camps and as soon as a certain distance has been cleared, grading will begin. This condition of affairs has already been reached near Elmira, where grading is now going on.

The Elmira Lumber company has at length succeeded in getting its boiler and machinery to the front and is rushing things in order to furnish the timber required by the tunnel. At present the timbers required are all being hewn by hand, as they will be replaced with masonry in a short time and do not require

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## ARMISTICE BROKEN BY FIERCE ENGAGEMENT STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING.

MANCHU LEADERS ARE GLAD OF NEW EXCUSE

Claim That They Will Not Now Be Bound by Action of National Convention.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

PEKIN, China, Jan. 1.—An army of four thousand revolutionary troops attacked the City of Hankow yesterday evening. The Imperialist army estimated at thirty thousand, occupies the city. A fierce fight is now in progress. According to reports current in government circles, the leaders of the Imperialists are delighted at the outbreak of hostilities as it will give them an opportunity of avoiding the result of the national convention agreed to by the edict of the Imperial court, and by representatives of both parties to the peace conference at Shanghai. The armistice was agreed to pending the outcome of the convention.

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## MURDER CASE DEFENSE PLAN

Goldie Bestscott Likely to Claim That Pneumonia Caused Murray's Death.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1.—The defense of Goldie Bestscott, under charge of murder in the first degree for shooting Chas. Murray on North Front street, will be that pneumonia and not the bullet wound caused his death, was the information received by Justice Pennock today. The date of her preliminary hearing on the new charge has not been fixed yet but probably will be in a day or two when Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist comes here from Coquille.

The physicians who performed the post mortem examination report that pneumonia was the immediate cause of death, Murray's lungs having been in bad condition from earlier plural troubles and a severe cold. This was, of course, aggravated by the bullet wound, they say.

Murray's funeral was held yesterday afternoon from Wilson's Chapel, Rev. J. T. M. Knox officiating.

Goldie Bestscott was not at the funeral. Shortly before the hour set for it, she went to the undertaking parlors in charge of Special Officer Metlin and took a final view of the corpse but she did not express any desire to remain for the services. It is expected that she will endeavor to pay the expenses of Murray's care and burial, although she has not notified any official of such an intent.

The funeral was not very largely attended.

Goldie Bestscott is still confined in room in the Coos hotel under the surveillance of C. A. Metlin, as special officer. Yesterday she appeared somewhat worse than she has been since Murray's death, the high nervous tension telling on her.

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