

### CAMPAIGN PLANS ARE CHANGED

Allies Now Plan to Assume Offensive with View to Driving Germans From France.

### RUSSIANS GAIN VICTORY OVER THE AUSTRIANS

Trenches Mined and Blown Up in Western Theatre of War; Hard Fighting Reported.

(By United Press Association)  
Saturday, Jan. 2—With the new year, experts were of the opinion that the "second period" in the pending campaign in the western war zone has begun. They believed that a point has been reached where General Joffre considered the allies strong enough to hold the Germans at bay in the extreme north and that the offensive he is developing in the Argennes and Vosges, is designed to force the invaders from France. French activity in Alsace is plainly alarming the Germans. They are strongly reinforced, and were delivering heavy drives against the French in the Moselle and Meuse regions and strong counter attacks in the Argennes.

### Mine Trenches.

Paris, Jan. 2—Extensive mining and countermining operations, marked the conflict between the allies and Germans in the western zone for 36 hours. German sappers accomplished the most important success by demolishing the French caissons between Baumetz, and Achicourt. The French retaliated by undermining and blowing up the German trenches and pillboxes and in the Selle forest. The war office admitted that the Germans fiercely attacked the allies' lines at many points Thursday, but declared they were repulsed everywhere.

### Austrians are Defeated.

Petrograd, Jan. 2—Russian interest is divided between the fighting in Galicia and Trans-Caucasia. In the former field the Slavs captured four Carpathian mountain passes. The Austrians are retreating into Hungary. It is admitted that the Russians had beaten them at the expense of heavy losses. Nevertheless they are pressing the advantage. The war office said it planned a supreme effort to crush the main Austrian defense of Carpathians finally, and definitely. In western Galicia and southern Poland, operations are being pushed with all possible energy.

### Hippodrome at Rolfe—

One of the greatest scenic productions ever staged at the famous New York Hippodrome, "America," was put on at the Rolfe theater last night and drew record breaking crowds. The same play will be put on again this evening.

The Inman Sisters and Mrs. Frank Powell and Mr. Peters will sing. A treat in gospel songs awaits you at the Christian church revival meetings tomorrow night when duets will be rendered by these people so well known to the people of Albany. Tomorrow commences the last week of the meetings and the morning subject is "Influence and Leadership," and in the evening the all important theme, "The Blood of Christ." Don't fail to come and hear some scriptural sermons, they will help you.

### RAINFALL IN DECEMBER AMOUNTS TO 3.22 INCHES

The rainfall for the month of December was only 3.22 inches, while the normal is 7.27, making a shortage of 4.05. Beginning with July, the first of the dry months, we have now had a rainfall of 17.12 inches, while the normal rainfall for the same period is 19.23, showing a shortage during the season of 2.16 inches. During the same period of 1913, the rainfall was short to the amount of 4.16, but this was all made up in the following January, when, instead of getting the normal amount (6.96) we had 11.76. Old Oregonians know that we have just about so much rain in our system, and it has to get out in some way, so that we can naturally expect a heavy rainfall in this month.

### OVER FIVE HUNDRED SAILORS WERE LOST

One Hundred and Fifty Members of Crew of British Ship Lost Yesterday Saved.

(By United Press Association)  
London, Jan. 2—That the "Formidable" which was sunk in the Channel Friday was torpedoed, is considered certain. This wasn't the official opinion but it is the judgment of competent naval authorities. The admiralty is withholding details of the disaster. Latest accounts were that only 151 members of the crew were saved. Hopes were entertained that fishermen rescued a few more, but they were not strong. Assuming that the survivors numbered 151, the deaths must have totaled at least 559. The Formidable, it is learned, sunk in ten minutes after the explosion. The admiralty issued the list of the Formidable's 35 officers, headed by Captain Loxley, with the comment that all are believed to have perished.

### REV. D. H. LEECH IS CUPID'S BEST ALLY IN THIS COUNTY

Ties Fifty-two Nuptial Knots; Judge McKnight Is Next, and Marries 39 Couples.

Rev. D. H. Leech has been Cupid's best ally in Linn county during 1914 according to the marriage certificates on file in the courthouse, for in the year just passed he has officiated at 52 weddings. That he probably has more to his credit than this number is to be supposed from the fact that he performed several marriages for couples from out of this county. Judge D. Bruce McKnight has also found favor in the eyes of Benedictus to be, and the office of the county judge has been the scene of 39 weddings in the last year. His location, only a few doors removed from the clerk's office where the licenses are secured, has proved an irresistible temptation to those contemplating immediate matrimony.

Rev. White, of Albany, has tied 16 nuptial knots, L. L. Swan, justice of the peace has ministered to the happiness of nine couples, and Rev. Geselbracht has officiated at 8 weddings. Rev. Jamison, of Lebanon, has been the most popular of ministers outside the county seat, and has been sought by nine couples during 1914. Judge Kelly officiated at one wedding.

Romantic evenings of late spring, found their consummation in June, when 43 of the 259 weddings recorded for Linn county, took place.

### GRAND ARMY OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR 1915

At the regular meeting of McPherson post number 5, department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, held on December 26, 1914, the following comrades were elected officers of the post for the year of 1914: Commander, J. F. Wafer; senior vice-commander, Frank H. Wheeler; junior vice-commander, C. M. Westbrooke; adjutant, A. Crooks; quartermaster, E. Washburn; surgeon, J. Rolf; chaplain, Jas. M. Carnine; officer of the day, J. F. McCaulie; patriotic instructor, C. H. Walker; officer of the guard, W. L. Linn.

Representatives to the department encampment are Frank H. Wheeler, George W. Carroll, and E. F. Sox. The alternates named are James M. Carnine, William Myers, and W. H. Hyatt.

Installation of officers is expected to take place tonight.

### MASKED BANDIT HOLDS UP BANKER; GETS LOOT

(By United Press Association)  
Neelyville, Mo., Jan. 2—A masked bandit surprised W. A. Welker, cashier of the bank of Neelyville, locked him in his vault, and escaped with \$4,000. Walker had just opened the vault, and placed the money in the cashier's cage when he was faced by the bandit with a revolver.

### MANY WEDDINGS PROVE FAILURES

Fifty Divorces in Linn in 1914 While Only 259 Couples Take Marriage Vows.

(By United Press Association)  
Washington, Jan. 2—One or two generations should pass before the natives of the Philippines are given their independence, said Wm. H. Taft, former president, and once governor of the islands, to the senate committee on Philippine affairs.

"I don't care for American power in the Philippines," Taft said, "and I'd like to see the United States get out of the islands as far as America alone is concerned, but I'm thinking of the poor Filipinos. They are not fit for self government. They don't like me because I told them so, but I told them the truth. However, if the Philippine islands are strongly fortified, I think anyone of the European nations now at war would regard it as an element of strength, rather than of weakness."

The only power to which the islands are generally considered desirable is Japan, and as she doesn't care for the islands at all, I think, and the Japanese authorities, as I found when in Japan twice, had quite enough of that sort of trouble in Formosa."

### T. T. HOOPER DIES IN PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

He Had Lived in Albany For Twelve Years; Wife Survives Him.

The death of Truman Thomas Hooper, for twelve years a resident of Albany, and who lately has been residing in Plant City, Florida has become known here as the result of information received in Albany from Florida. Mr. Hooper died on December 19.

Mr. Hooper was born in Orange, New Hampshire, April 11, 1854. He lived in the New England States until he was twenty years of age, when, with his parents, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he lived until 1886, when he was married to Eugenia A. Bangle, of Downey, California. They lived in that vicinity until 1900, when they, with their four children, moved to Albany, Oregon. There they lived until the spring of 1912, when they moved to Plant City, Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eugenia A. Hooper, and four children, Mrs. C. B. Darnell, of Redlands, California, and John D. Hooper, Eva A. Hooper and Ira T. Hooper, all of Yonkers, Florida.

### CATLIN FINDS PLUNDER CACHED IN TANGENT BARN

A cache containing loot of various kinds believed to have been taken from the Scott and Conn store over a month ago in a raid made by two Salem reform school boys, was found in an old barn in Tangent this afternoon by Constable John Catlin. The find was made as the result of a confession made to Sheriff Parker of Lane county, who captured the boys a few days after they made their escape from Albany.

Mr. Catlin was notified and today when he happened to have business in Tangent, he made a careful search and unearthed the missing property. Just how much of it belongs in Albany is not known, as the boys are believed to have committed several burglaries of a minor sort before coming to this city.

### NEW MURDER MYSTERY DISCOVERED IN NEW YORK

(By United Press Association)  
New York, Jan. 2—Chopped in small pieces, wrapped in woman's clothing and then in burlap, part of the body of a man was found early this morning in the frozen marshes near Coney Island. Two packages were found. One contained most of the torso. The head and the arms were missing. The other contained the upper part of one leg. The police think the victim was young, weighing about 160 pounds.

### PHILIPPINES NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE-TAFT

Ex-President Says Conditions Are Not Ripe For Self Government at This Time.

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### CITY NEWS

### Grange Meeting—

The Morning Star Grange will hold an all day meeting next Saturday, Jan. 9, beginning at 10 a. m. Initiation in the morning and installation of officers and program in the afternoon.

### Rebekahs Install—

The Rebekahs of Albany held installation last night at the Odd Fellows hall to install the officers elected for the year 1915 at a meeting in November.

### Mrs. Griffin Operated On—

George Griffin, of Scio, came in this morning with his wife who is undergoing a serious operation at St. Mary's hospital. Dr. Davis is the physician in attendance.

### New Year's Eve Wedding—

Judge McKnight performed the wedding ceremony Thursday night uniting in marriage Grover C. Lewis and Miss Ivy Pyle, both of this county.

### Ask Foreclosure—

Frank O'Neill has filed suit in the circuit court asking foreclosure of a mortgage held by him on property belonging to H. E. and Lura A. Moore, to liquidate a note made out to him for the sum of \$4000.

### Wants Divorce—

Married in 1892, Anna M. Boyes has filed suit in the circuit court asking divorce from her husband, A. H. Boyes. She gives desertion as the grounds for her complaint, and asks custody of the four minor children.

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One of the new assets which the county has had during the year of 1914 was interest on money deposited in the banks. This interest was collected at the rate of two per cent, and Mr. Francis collected \$3005.41, being the returns on over \$150,000 placed in the county depository.

Until this year the county has never made any gain from this source, but in 1913, the state legislature passed a law making it possible for county treasurers to obtain interest on county funds deposited. Some of the banks in the state were unfavorable to the new law and the matter was taken to the courts. Because of the litigation on this subject, the matter has been undecided until this fall when the law was upheld.

### CHRISTMAS WEDDING KEPT QUIET FOR WHOLE WEEK

Judge Kelly Officiates at the Stringer-Kelsey Nuptials But Keeps Mum.

Addison Mitchell Stringer and Miss Cassie L. Kelsey were married at the courthouse on Christmas day, according to information given out today by the groom. It had been known that the license had been procured the day before, but the marriage itself was kept a profound secret, and until today no one except the contracting parties, Judge Kelly, who performed the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mason, who were also present, knew that the wedding had taken place. Mr. Stringer is well known in Albany, having been connected for the last year with the Sutell furniture store. Mrs. Stringer, for the last three years has lived in Harrisburg at the home of George Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Stringer will make their home in Albany.

### 3536 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES SOLD LAST YEAR

Eight of New Licenses Are Sold to Linn Residents on New Year's Day.

Nimrods and the disciples of Isaac Walton had their first innings at the gaudy hunting, fishing and combination license for sale in the county clerk's office yesterday, and two combination, one fishing, and five hunting licenses were sold, aggregating a total of \$10 as the county's contribution to the State Fish and Game fund for the first day of the new year. In the year just past, \$3830 has been taken out of the county by the purchase of licenses. Of the 3536 sold in all the hunting licenses had a majority over the other two classes of permits issued, for County Clerk Marks reports the sale of 1894 of these at a dollar each. The fishing licenses cost the anglers at the same rate and of these 1412 were disposed of. Combination licenses at two dollars each were disposed of to the extent of 252.

Two non-resident hunting licenses were purchased by residents of California who came up here to enjoy the pheasant shooting in October. These sell for \$10 each and netted \$20 to the fish and game commission.

### U. OF D. GLEE CLUB WILL SING IN ALBANY TONIGHT

The Oregon Glee club, in chorus work, solos, and skits, will appear for a one night show in Albany tonight under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. as a special extra number of the Lyceum course. Due to the late closing of the stores of the city Saturday night the program has been postponed from 8 o'clock until 8:30, in order to give everyone a chance to hear the popular university singers.

### FROMAN SCORES HIGH AT GUN CLUB SHOOT

The following scores were recorded at the Gun Club shoot held yesterday:

Froman	42
Parker	41
Balkack	40
Frit Baltimore	37
Leininger	34
Young	34
French	33
Wood	29
C. Froman	25
F. Baltimore	24
Hulbert	21
Robbins	20

### WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS MONDAY

R. M. Russell and J. D. Irvine Only New Men to Take Executive Office at Court House.

### O. H. RUSSELL RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE

New City Councilmen Will Start Business of New Year at Special Meeting.

A Russell will go into office and a Russell will retire from office at the courthouse Monday when the county officers for the next two years elected at the election on November 3 will be sworn in. R. M. Russell, for the last four years deputy county clerk, will take the place of Willard Marks, as clerk, while O. H. Russell, veteran county commissioner, will retire to make room for J. D. Irvine. The two Russells, however, are no relations.

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### PULLMAN RESTAURANT SOLD TO LOCAL MEN

The Pullman restaurant is now under new management, C. M. and Ira Shortridge having purchased from J. W. and H. E. Douglas who have successfully conducted the place for the past four years. The new proprietors assumed charge yesterday and assert that they will completely remodel the interior and conduct a first class eating establishment. Both Charles and Ira Shortridge were engaged in the restaurant business in the state of South Dakota and thoroughly understand all of the details of which go to make up a first class restaurant.

### CARRANZA TROOPS MARCHING TO CAPITAL

(By United Press Association)  
Washington, Jan. 2—Wireless dispatches received by the Mexican constitutionalist agency said that a large force of Carranzistas are marching to Mexico City and had reached Apam, 60 miles from the capital. The dispatch added that a large number of Villistas are resisting General Obregon.