Press Voices Alarm at Steady Advance of the Germans South of Armentieres.

BATTLE NOW AT CRISIS

Teuton Armies Push on Past Merville, an Advance of Seven Miles, and Present Situation Is Regarded as Decidedly Bad.

LONDON, April 12.-London evening newspapers in reviewing the situation on the western front say that in the Wytschnete region the Germans failed to get the main crest of the ridge. The fermans have taken the village of Messines, while the British are holding the outskirts.

the outskirts.
Attacks on Wytschaete and the Mes-aines ridge failed, the Germans losing very heavily in their attack.
At least 17 divisions are engaged on the German side on the front from Hol-lebek to Givenchy, the reviews declare, that being the number it is estimated have been threwn into the fighting up to the present.

Huns Have Huge Force.

This would mean that the Germans have put more than 200,000 men in action so far on this comparatively narrow front of approximately 25 miles, or some \$000 men to every mile of front-

The reviewers point out that the Ger-mans, checked in their advance toward Bethune, have turned weatward with the idea of developing a success in the direction of Bailleut, which is an important railway center, and Haze-brouck, about 14 miles west of Armentieres. They point out that the enemy is now within a short distance of Bailleut and that his advance in the direc-

leul and that his advance in the direction of Hazebrouck has taken him rather more than half way there from his original starting point.

The enemy's flank in the direction of Bethune and the remaining coal area of northern France is a comparatively broad one, making it appear that he may friend, if checked westward, to renew his presure southward. On the other hand, it is pointed out that the enemy is advancing over a flat, inenemy is advancing over a flat, in-intricate country and has not yet ob-tained a footheld on any of the hills.

Push West Is Dangerous.

South of Armentieres, according to the evening papers, the enough, having forced a crossing over the Lawe and Lys rivers, has developed an attack which may be dangerous. He is pushing generally westward. The capture of Merville represents an advance of about seven miles over flat country and under normal conditions would not be serious, but to the north the British are holding a comparatively narrow are holding a comparatively narrow strip between their front and the coast which contains very important railway nctions, etc. Therefore, an advance of seven miles

there is much more serious than twice that distance farther south. The evening papers declare that the British army has again reached the definite crisis and the present citua-

Lecture, Based on Rev. Russell's Book, Arouses Medford Mayor.

MEDFORD. Or. April 12.—(Special.)

On orders from Mayor Gates, Pastor
E. P. Talliferro, associated for ten
years with Pastor Russell, scheduled for the speak at St. Mark's Hall tonight on
the subject. The World Has Ended,
was not allowed to appear, on the
ground that his remarks would disturb
the public neges.

re have been distributing literature throughout the county the last few days, which local authorities maintain is of a suspicious nature.

Roy Ritner on Way to France.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-Ington, April 12.—State Representative
Roy Ritner, of Pendleton, was in Washington today en route for France,
where he is to engage in Red Cross

The three missing were Lieutenants Robert H. Jeffrey, Samuel Miller and Abraham Strauss.

Among the allahtly wounded were Captains Marvin Cappell and Woodrow Woodbridge and Lieutenant William J.

Misse.

Died of wounds-Privates William J. B. Guthrie, Roderick J. McLean, Warlow Whotneki.

T. Ryan, James F. Feott.

Weunded slightly—Capital Marvin Cappell Weddrew Weederley Meederley Weederley Weederley Weederley Weederley Record Lieureaunt William J. Mishs, Sergants Batale Bendetti, Joseph Uetfilsh, Victor Muller, Russell Sizemore, Carperals Oriz C. Chrisboim, Musician Albert Iver Coleman, Privates Phillip Beaucres, aribur H. Beck, Frank Bassk, Grover Carlson, Frank Cavarrs, James F. Conlan, Samuel Curions, James A. Rolling, Record Carlson, Frank Cavarrs, James F. Conlan, Samuel Curions, Jay A. Decatur, Frank P. Devereax, Edward E. Jarek, George M. McGrash, John Mills, Francis H. Metsau, Norman E. Falen, Charles Pike, All Fred Schmeder, Summar W. Segerstrum, James A. Rolling, Three attacks, which the enemy launched yesterday in great waves and the Carlson of this city, has received application blanks, which, when filled out, will be forwarded to an office in Seattle.

Three attacks, were repulsed near ville Chapelle, were repulsed near 25 years of age who have been rejected by the Army for more or less technical means. All cost of equipment and living expenses abroad will be covered by the Red Cross, transportation included, if necessary.

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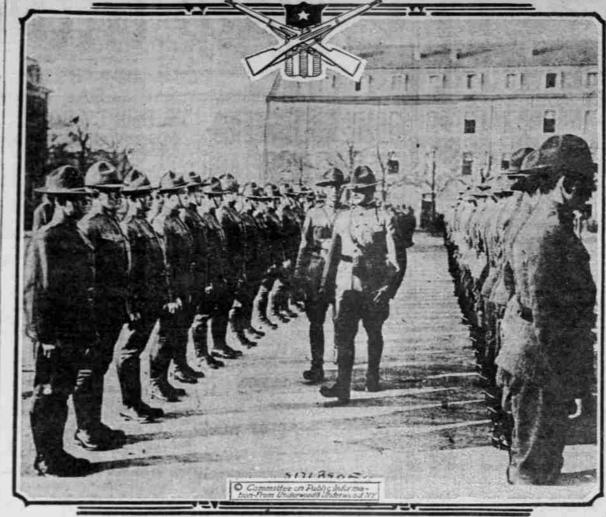
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Two Navy consulties were announced today by Secretary Daniels. Seaman John H. Alexander, Jr., of Altoons, Ph., was lest overbeard April 10. Electrician Howard Bourse Neal, Brooklyn, N. T., committed suicide April 5.

The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area.

DENVER, April 12.—Captain Wood-row Woodbridge, mentioned in today's casualty list as slightly wounded in France, is a causin of President Wil-

AMERICAN COMMANDER INSPECTS HIS TROOPS IN FRANCE.



GENERAL PERSHING PASSING BETWEEN TWO LINES OF HIS TROOPS "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE,"

make another attack on their southern

Work in War Zone.

Standing, Closes Its Doors,

EUGENE, Or., April 12 .- (Special.)-

recruiting work.

AMERICANS DRUB GERMANS

Yankees and French Repulse Enemy and U. S. Boys Take Numerous Prisoners in Clash in Apremont Forest, War Office Reports.

(Continued From First Page.) tions in the neighborhood of the Bailleul railway, where they are heavily engaged with the enemy.

"Sharp fighting occurred also on other parts of the battle front north divisions heretofore used. of La Bassee Canal and the enemy PASTOR DENIED AUDIENCE made slight progress between the made slight progress between the Lawe and Clarence Rivers.

The total strength of a German division on this front is 12,570 men, of whom \$400 are infantry, machine gunners and cyclists, and the remainder ar-

been maintained. On the remainder of the British front the position is un-

rew launched heavy attacks this morning effect, endeavor to capture the Aisne against the French in the Hangard-en-Pastor Russell's book, on which the scheduled lecture is declared to be based, was recently ordered suppressed by United States authorities.

Santerre sector. The fighting continish and Belgians in the north is a secret with their own staff.

tacks ended in failure, but finally

Fighting May Swing South. fresh German troops penetrated Hangard, although the western section of the village was regained by the

BERLIN, Via London, April 12,-WASHINGTON, April 12.—Today's evening, "are progressing through the wide Lys Plain, between Armentieres and Merville."

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 12.—Attacking yes—to the free missing were Lieutenants liobert H. Jeffrey, Ramuel Miller and Abraham Strauss.

Among the slightly wounded were

British to the vicinity of Neuve Eg- 100 AMBULANCERS WANTED

Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continu-Kitled to action—Sergeant Lillard E. Merville. Heavy fighting is continu-tion. Corporal Jesse M. Martin. Private ing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf Berquin.

British Regain Ground.

Died of disease—Privates Henry Davis, Walter R. British Regain Ground.

North of Festubert the British regained ground by a counter-attack.

Died of accident—Privates Ben P. GreeT. John E. Sangater.

Wounded assure)—Servates Losses Losses and the Lawe River German attacks were repulsed.

Missing in action Lieutenants Robert H. near Ville Chapelle, were repulsed Jeffrey, Samuel Miller, Abram Strauss with immense losses to the Germans. EUGENE STORE SELLS OUT S. H. Friendly & Co., of 50 Years'

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Captain Wooderidge practiced law here until he enlisted in the Colorado National Guard during the Mexican trouble. He was a commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Fort Eliss in May, 1917. He was a graduate of the University of Colorado.

Lake Charles, La., April 12.—Mechanic Mervina. N. D., was killed near Gerstner Field lists yesterday, when the machine in which ho was flying with Lieutenant dental plant opening days of the offensive.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN John Kennedy fell from a height of 290 feet. Kennedy was uninjured.

Sun Shines on Battlefield.

In brilliant sunshine, the battle is continuing with fierceness which has scarcely flagged since the beginning. The Germans are throwing in their reserves in the same prodigal manner as in the opening days of the offensive.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday evening, April

11.—(By The Associated Press)—Two strong enemy attacks last night and this morning in the vicinity of Noyon, strong enemy attacks last night and this morning in the vicinity of Noyon, which were repulsed easily by the French, give rise to the question whether the Germans are about to House sustains was DEPART-

MENT DRAFT PLAN.

was adopted, 292 to 63

Washington, and librate are composed of inferior elements, such as convalescents and member directing the creating the trent. These must replace the refully chosen men forming the crae.

Washington, April 12.—The War Department's plan for basing draft quotas on the number of registrants in Carlotte and the general control of the fighting line until it has suffered a minimum of 2500 casualities, some idea may be obtained of the enormous extent of their losses.

To the casualities in the divisions which have been withdrawn must be added those of divisions still engaged in battle. They still have sufficient effectives in depots to re-establish their strength, but many of these reserves are composed of inferior elements, such as convalescents and men who were partly exempted from service it the front. These must replace the refully chosen men forming the crae.

Item Divisions St.

total strens on the lates and the crae wisions heretofore used.

Hun Divisions St. It is quite evident that the German high command is beginning to experi-ence some disquietude over the loss of so many men and the dislocation of so manw divisions, which has not given the results expected.

representative Dent, of Alabama, favored the Shallenberger amendments and read to the House a letter from President Wilson showing that the President did not object to credits of volunteers. In an effort to unite his committee, Mr. Dent, with other members, went to the White House recently

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at 9 A. M. The Most in Value-The Best in Quality and talked the matter over with the President, who, after seeing the acting Secretary of War, wrote that while the question of how to buse quotas was debatable, he thought the weight of the debate lay with the contention of the War Department.

tion which will make it possible to demobilize the British army in 382 days, and the indications are that no legislation of this sort will be seriously pressed.

Delegation Opposes Delay.

Governor Riggs Confirmed.

Quick Demobilization Planned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-LONDON, March 26 .- The War Office

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 12.—There is no apparent desire in the Oregon delegation to de-

