

LONDON SEES DIRE PERIL FOR BRITAIN

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

BATTLE NOW AT CRISIS

Teuton Armies Push on Past Meriville, 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 Wyzschate region the Germans failed to get the main crest of the ridge. The Germans have taken the village of Messines, while the British are holding the outskirt.



GENERAL PERSHING PASSING BETWEEN TWO LINES OF HIS TROOPS 'SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.'

HUNS CONTINUE GAIN

British Are Forced to Retire Slowly Under Pressure.

AMERICANS DRUB GERMANS

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

Germans Use Many Men. 'Sharp fighting occurred also on other parts of the battle front north of La Bassée Canal and the enemy made slight progress between the Lawe and Clarence Rivers.'

PASTOR DENIED AUDIENCE

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

Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Today's casualty list contains 51 names, five of them killed in action, three died of wounds, two died of accident, six died of disease, four wounded severely, 23 wounded slightly and three missing in action.

100 AMBULANCERS WANTED

Italy Issues Call for Picked Men to Work in War Zone.

EUGENE STORE SELLS OUT

S. H. Friendly & Co., of 50 Years' Standing, Closes Its Doors.

Sun Shines on Battlefield.

In brilliant sunshine, the battle is continuing with fierceness which has scarcely flagged since the beginning.

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CLASS 1 RULE PREVAILS

HOUSE SUSTAINS WAR DEPARTMENT DRAFT PLAN.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The War Department's plan for basing draft quotas on the number of registrants in Class 1 instead of upon population was sustained in the House tonight after an all-day fight over the resolution passed by the Senate authorizing the change.

Representative Fields, of Kentucky, and Representative Kahn, of California, led the fight for the original resolution.

11.—(By The Associated Press)—Two 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 make another attack on their southern flank.

Many Boches Slain.

Already considerably more than 100 German divisions have been thrown into the fight, and more than 70 divisions have since been withdrawn to fill up the gaps in the ranks.

Fighting May Swing South.

For the moment the northern part of the battle line appears to occupy their sole attention with the exception of last night's and today's attacks near Noyon, but any day may see a change in the direction of the German thrust.

Delegation Opposes Delay.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 12.—There is no apparent desire in the Oregon delegation to delay the opening of the Oregon and California lands for an indefinite period.

Governor Riggs Confirmed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 12.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Thomas Riggs, Jr., as Governor of Alaska.

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