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# AIG ORDERS FINAL STAND

# GERMAN CORPSES STREW GROUND AT VILLE CHAPELLE

Furious British Counter Attack Drives Teutons From High Ground Along Messines Ridge; Tommies Forced Back to Neuve Eglise; Merville Captured By the Enemy.

(By The Associated Press.) London, April 12.—German troops made a determined attack along the Messines ridge and succeeded in gaining some ground, says a Reuter dispatch from British army headquarters in France and Belgium, but the British once again drove them out by a counter-attack early this morning.

Three attacks which the enemy launched yesterday in great waves near Ville Chapelle were repulsed with immense losses to the Germans. The ground was strewn with their

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Omaha Committees

300,000

Omaha subscriptions to the third

Liberty loan reported to date by

the Liberty loan headquarters are: Special committee .....\$1,000,000

General committee ..... 500,000

Total.....\$2,300,000

Liberty bonds are selling fast in

At noon the Omaha Liberty loan

der the plan adopted by the commit-tee for Omaha. This is to give every

one an opportunity to buy bonds.

There was no doubt but that Omaha

licited. Some of the business men

Chamber of Commerce and would not

Saturday the Omaha "tank" will be

moved by Troop 5 of the Boy Scouts,

V. C. Hascall, scoutmaster. One

scout will be stationed atop of the

Scouts Move "Tank."

attend a mass meeting.

ment of the Omaha tank.

Woman's committee ....

Liberty bank .....

Latest Report of Four

BRITISH FORCED BACK. Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert, the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, it is announced officially.

Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continuing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neufberquin,

On the remainder of the northern battle front there is little change. North of Festubert the British regained ground by a counter-attack. On the front between Loisne and the Lawe river German attacks were repulsed.

The official announcement says: Germans Take Merville.

"Severe and continuous fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Merville and Neufberquin in both of which localities the enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress. Merville was captured by the enemy during the night. "Attacks made by the enemy yes-terday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert succeeded, after heavy fighting,

in pressing our troops back to the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise to new positions. 'On the remainder of the northern battle front from the situation is

virtually unchanged. A part of our positions into which the enemy forced his way north of Festubert was regained by a counter-attack. 'On the front between Loisne and the Lawe river and to the north hostile attacks have been repulsed. Fight-

ing is continuing on the whole front north of La Basse canal as far as

#### Mine Sweeper Runs Ashore In Storm Off Atlantic Coast

Washington, April 12.-The Navy departmen announced tonight that a mine sweepr went ashore in the storm off theAtlantic coast and that one member of the crew, J. N. Conway, machinist's mate, scond class, was washd overboard.

# General Pershing's Brother

Chico, Cal., April 12.-James F. Pershing, brother of General John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France, led a parade of 3,000 schol children here today to stimulate subscription to the Liberty

## The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair; not much change in

Highest yesterday ... 60 Lowest yesterday .. 40 55 24 44 .00 from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years; 

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M. Stations and State of Weather. 7 a. m. est. fall. Chevenne, cloudy .... 52 58 of Weather. 7a.m. Cheyenne, cloudy .... 52 Davenport, clear .... 56 Pueble, cloudy 68
Rapid City, cloudy 66
Santa Fe, rain 60

on the western front for seven group. months.

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Keep the Bell Ringing

# BRITISH RUSH ARMED TROOPS TO ENFORCE WAR DRAFT IN IRELAND

Nationalist Leader Dillon Protests Against Government's "Guillotine Methods;" Promise of Home Rule Only Antagonizes All Irish Factions; Report of Recent Convention Ignored, Say Mr. Plunkett.

'tank" was moved by the captains of the sales teams after their meeting at London, April 12.- John Dillon, Irish nationalist leader in the Chamber of Commerce, Reports were made by the captains. The Central High School Cadet band fur-The the House of Commons, yesterday said that he understood that motor cars, machines and tanks already had been shipped nished music. The Omaha "tank" was moved to the \$2,500,000 mark. and were sailing away from the battle front toward Ireland. The state Liberty loan "tank" was moved to the \$6,000,000 mark. Mr. Dillon pleaded strongly against what he termed the government's "guillotine methods." The drive is now on in earnest un-

ASK MORE TIME.

The debate on the man power bill GERMANS STARVE, would have subscribed its quota in of requests by Mr. Dillen and others an hour if a mass meeting had been for more time in which to consider held at the Chamber of Commerce the measure. The government event-Monday, the opening day of the cam- ually consented to permit the house, paign, but the committee decided to contrary to custom, to sit on both give the small buyers a chance to Friday and Saturday so as to add show their patriotism. To this end a two days to the time for the discushouse to house canvass is being sion. The bill then entered committee Leads Parage of Children made. Business men are also so- and an amendment substituting 48 years for 51 as the age limit was deprobably are not members of the feated by a vote of 262 to 152.

Promise of a home rule bill by the government has not had the smallest effect in easing the way to conscription in Ireland; according to special

dispatches from Dublin. All Oppose Home Rule. The unionists will not sit quiet and

Woodmen of the World building, and allow the bill to be rushed through as reports are being made at the cap-tains' meeting in the Chamber of cerned in the defeat of conscription Commerce, the scout will wig-wag in than in obtaining home rule. In con-Sam Burns has charge of the move- wants it.

Meanwhile, the Irish Times, which The state "tank" will be moved in the past clamored for conscription The following is a list of the cap-tains of the Liberty loan city sales committee, of which Franklin Mann government. The Irish Times suggests that in the six weeks before the Frank S. Keogh, first district; Her- machinery for conscription can be-in (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

## Band of Hun Raiders Almost Exterminated by Americans

New York, April 12.—A raid by a party,) leaped to an exposed position party of 200 Germans on a portion of and in every excellent English shout-American-held line in which all but ed, 'come on out, you American dogs 20 of the attacking force were ac- and fight.' Before he could leap back counted for by the defending Ameri- to safety, one of our men had thrown cans, was described by Raymond Star- a hand grenade which took off both bard, an adjutant in the war work his legs. Then ensued a fierce enorganization of the Salvation Army, counter in which the Americans acwho arrived here today after having counted for 180 of the Germans out been within range of German artillery of an original 200 in the raiding

Gradually the German | fighting In making a report to his head- forces are becoming disabused of quarters here, Adjutant Starbard, their idea that the Americans are not whose home is at Worchester, Mass., "scrappers." Adjutant Starbard de-"scrappers," Adjutant Starbard declared. Men of the allied forces on "The raid occured March 7. One the battle lines are confident of vic-German (a member of the attacking tory, he added.

# SHOOT AND BEAT WAR PRISONERS

Untold Cruelties Inflicted on French and British Captured Bared in Official Report of Government.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 12.-How British prisoners of war in Germany are enslaved, starved and subjected to unstructions for the movement of the sequence the situation as regards told cruelties is related in an official 'tank" to the troop on the street. home rule at present is that nobody report of a government committee made public today.

The detention and employment of Saturday by cowboys from the stock and Wednesday endorsed the resolu- noncommissioned officers and men tion of Ulster unionists in parliament | captured on the western front, says the report, "have brought on these prisoners an amount of unjustifiable added: suffering for which it would be hard

to find a parallel in history." The report is based on an accummulation of evidence and shows that prisoners have been employed constantly under shell fire and that many have been killed by British guns; that they have been kicked and beaten, denied clothing and adequate shelter; have often been shot and that deaths from starvation and overwork have been constant.

### Cousin of President

Wounded in Action Denver, April 12.-Captain Woodrow Woodbridge, mentioned in today's casualty list as slightly wound in France, is a cousin of President Wilson.

Captain Woodbridge practiced law here until he enlisted in the Colorado National Guard during the Mexican trouble. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Bliss in May, 1917. He was a graduate of the University of Colo-

# "MUST FIGHT TO END WITH BACKS TOWALL," MESSAGE TO TROOPS

"There Must be no Retirement," Declares Field Marshall; Tells Troops French Army is Moving Rapidly and in Great Force to Their Support.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, April 12.-Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a special order of the day addressed to "all ranks of the British army in France and Flanders," says:

"Three weeks ago today the enemy began his terrific attacks against us on a 50-mile front. . His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the channel ports and to destroy the British army.

"In spite of throwing 106 divisions into the battle and enduring the most reckless sacrifices of human life, he has yet made little progress toward his goals.

#### NO COURSE OPEN BUT TO FIGHT IT OUT. "We owe this to the determined fighting and self sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances.

Vigorously by Iowa Senator,

Who Pledges Support in

All War Measures.

Washington, April 12.-Prospects

Overman bill with its broad grant of

authority to the president to reor-

to decide upon laying aside the meas-

executive and judicial appropriation

ill and other urgent legislation. Renewal of discussion of the reor-

ganization bill is planned some time

next week with the administration

spokesman announcing determination

to insist upon its passage unamended.

On the other hand, the opposition is

preparing to continue the fight for

Returns to Attack.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, repub-

limiting the president's authority.

terests in the war.

commission would be an "impeacha-

Praises Wilson's High Ideals.

nonpartisan loyalty to the chief ex-

"When the president asks for leg-

"It is just as disloyal for the presi

dent to denounce members of con-

them to denounce hims'

Senator Cummins praised the pres-

"Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out. ORDERED TO HOLD ENEMY POSITION. Reorganization Plan Opposed

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moof indefinite senate debate over the

## ganize government departments caused administration leaders today ure tomorrow, probably for several days, in ordr to pass the legislative, AT DEATH GRIPS FOR GIVENCHY

Town Changes Hands Several Times During Battle; British Cling Tenaciously to Messines Ridge.

lican, returned to his attack on the measure today, while Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, democrat, spoke With the British Army in France, in its defense. In the second lengthy Thursday, April 11.-Determined address the Iowa senator has made enemy attacks continued today in opposition to the bill Mr. Cumagainst points of strategical value mins deplored what he called a disposition on the part of the president along the new battle front north and to criticise those who conscientiously oppose administration policies, and urged a more "temperate" attitude. Demands of opponents of the bill, mans having placed it in a pocket by Senator Hollis asserted, are based largely on the view that the president might abuse powers granted. He said

driving a wedge on either side of it. On the extreme right the Germans today were pounding away against the the president already has authority British defenses at Givenchy, which mission and other bureaus if their acts since the initial onslaught Tuesday. are adverse to the government's in-North of Armentieres the Germans were showing an equal desire to pos-Senator Smith of Georgia, demosess Messines ridge and Wytschaete, crat, challenged the statement and which are dominating positions and said that interference by the presiwhich changed hands several times. dent with the Interstate Commerce

Germans in Messines.

this morning, but the British were taneously, or at the very least, launchident and his high ideals and pledged In the neighborhood of Ploeg-Reuter dispatch from London today. ecutive in doing everything possible steert the enemy again surged forto assist him in winning the war, but ward and hard fighting was proceeding in this section late today. South tinue to breathe confidence that the of Armentieres the enemy also deliv- British, however prolonged the strugislative powers in civil establishments

and power that does not concern the ered violent assaults. The British this morning made a commander in chief, then he must grant to me the freedom and liberty successful counter-attack and forced endurance. The keypoints of the to exercise my judgment according to of Lestrem. This is on the front bethe enemy from Paradis, southwest battle are the ridges of Messines and tween Estaires and Givenchy.

Gas In Armentieres. Armentieres was evacuated yestergress for the manner in which they day afternoon, but was still recking gained control of a single bit of rising lischarge their duties as it is for today with clouds of poisonous gas (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

## NEW BORN BABIES WITH · MOTHERS KILLED BY HUN

Paris, April 12.- A shell fired by the German long-range cannon yeserday, struck a foundling asylum in the Rue de la Creche, in the Montrouge district, on the southern outskirts of Paris. Three persons were killed and 11 wounded.

Within the hospital were 30 women with new-born babies. One maternity nurse, one patient and one baby were killed, while two probationers, six women patients and three infants were injured.

Another shell struck an open air bowling alley and killed a man and a boy and wounded 10 other persons.

BATTLE RAGING FIERCELY. The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area. The Bray-Corbie road is being fiercely

shelled, heralding, it is believed, fur-

ther infantry attacks. 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 mannes as in the opening days of the of-

The London evening newspapers, in reviewing the situation on the western front, state that in the Wytschaete region the Germans failed to get the main crest of the ridge. The Germans have taken the village of Messines, while the British are hold-

ing the outskirts. GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY. Attacks on Wytschaete and the Messines ridge failed, the Germans losing very heavily in their attack. British have withdrawn, the Ger-Hollebeke to Givenchy, the reviews declare, that being the number it is

estimated have been thrown into the fighting up to the present. This would mean that the Germans put more than 200,000 in action so far over the Interstate Commerce com- has changed hands numerous times on this comparatively narrow front of approximately 25 miles, or some 8,000

men to every mile of frontage. Face Grim Prospect.

Ottawa, Ont., April 12 .- "It is indeed obvious that the enemy, backed by unlimited artillery, is doing what up to this time has been unprece-The Germans got a footing in Mes- dented in this war, namely, conductsines village and they were still there ing two first class offensives simulclinging to the west ridge and were ing a second before we had time to keeping the enemy from Wytschaete. | draw away from the first," says a

"The prospect is grim for the British, but accounts of the fighting congle, won't yield to the enemy in what, it is becoming more clear, is a test of Passchendaele, which the Germans are ooth endeavoring to outflank and carry by direct assault. There is no evidence as yet that the enemy has

#### Final Step Taken to Disband German-American Alliance

Philadelphia, April 12 .- The German-American Alliance was finally dissolved here today when at an adourned meeting of the executive committee a resolution was adopted unanimously to disband.

The resolution states that the members consider that the supreme duty of every American citizen is to give his unqualified support to the government in the successful prosecution of the war.

The organization's educational fund of \$30,000 will be given to the Red. Cross chapter at Wilmington, Del. 7