Part of Wytschaete Recaptured and Germans Driven Back Toward Bailleul and Eglise.

London, April 17.—The greater part of Wytschaete, and probably all of it, is in the hands of the British, Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, announced today.

Counter-attacking successfully at Meteren and south of that, the British have driven back the Germans half way to Bailleul. They have advanced and improved their lines in the direction of Neuve Eglise.

The battle west of Bailleul has been continuous and sanguinary. Time after time the enemy forces flung themselves against the defenders in intense assaults, but on each occasion the British troops held their own and threw the onrushing Germans back with huge losses.

ARTILLERY DUEL RAGING. A tremendous artillery duel is raging along the northern front. Throughout the night thousands of protracted fencing between the heavy batteries, and this morning the con-

"I returned last night from France," said General Maurice at the outset of his talk with The Associated Press. "The situation yesterday was very anxious. The Germans had taken Bailleul, Meteren and Wyts-chaete and had brought four fresh ns into action against us. If the enemy could have maintained that danger to the ridge of heights which includes Mount Kemmel, and which is the backbone of our defense on he northern portion of the battle rout. But the news last night and day is better. Army Under Severe Strain.

reparations for shortening our line the Ypres salient were made some time ago and the decision to carry Bailleul, owing to the danger offered foreigner. Sanking movement.

"The British army is playing the

role which it often has played before. It is fighting a Waterloo while Bluecher is marching to the battle-field. Multiply the battle of Waterloo a hundred fold and the situation at noon in that battle corresponds to the situation now in the great world bat-

The British army is under a terrible hammering, but provided Bluecher no reason for discouragement.

and French together.

"It is unpleasant business standing stand it the only question to be asked and T. H. Lowe of California, and what has become of the reserved. what has become of the reserves?" "Although the French army is arger than ours, we have taken the train of these battles off them. There no reason to be in a state of dispair if the situation is regarded from broad point of view and if we regard our great sacrifices rightly as a secessary part of the great drama."

HITCHCOCK FAILS IN LOYALTY TEST, PRESIDENT SAYS

Wilson means to rise to the level treating issues like this without

Hitchcock Not Loyal.

To pass over Mr. Hitchcock in tayor of Mr. Williams, the next democrat in order, would be absurd. Mr. Williams is plainly not the man to be chairman of the committe on foreign relations. Moreover, the senthe would never do it.

The senate might, under an appeal

from the president to act without paranship, make the ranking republian instead of the ranking democrat sairman of the committee. Seniority en would not suffer and the senate tres more for seniority than it does parties.

This situation has caused the talk Senator Lodge for chairman. It is ly talk, which cannot be traced to

The Hitchtock situation shows the iculty of the administration's loy-Ity tests unless they are enforced ithout partisanship. The objection nat will be raised to Mr. Hitchcock, if administration openly raises one, be that he was not sufficiently al in the early months of the great

Rotarians Tell Each Other

How They'd Run Things totarians lay no claim to being proisional meddlers, but at the weekly acheon at the Hotel Fontenelle Vednesday noon the speakers took a their subject, not their own busi-ess, but that of the other fellow. Joy Sutphen of the Brandeis theater, alked on "Service via the Only Way." L. Ferciot, Western Union manm Macaroni to Sausage a la Skin-"Bix" Kline of Sunderland ros. told the members how Buffet's corry should be operated.

R. M. Harris acted as chairman.

ostpone Luncheon for Women Loan Workers Until Saturday The luncheon which was to have been held at the Chamber of Comperce today by the women Liberty can workers has been postponed until Saturday at 12:15 o'clock. Marie Dressler will be the guest of the wo-

British Armies in East

Take Seven Towns

London, April 11 .- The Greek and Dritish troops which on Monrestern flank of the Macedonian from, recupied seven towns, the war of ce announces. The state-

"Greek troops crossed the River Strums above Lake Tahinos, and occupied the villages of Beglik-Mah, Kakaraska, Salmah, Kispeki and Ada. The operation was most successfully carried out with slight "Further to the north British troops occupied Kumli and Or-

BOMB FOUND IN

THE SORENSON ROOMING HOUSE

Infernal Machine Taken Over by Local Police, Carried to City-Dump and There Exploded.

A bomb found by Mrs. Dorah A. Sorenson in her rooming house at 2104 Harney street was taken by po- firm of Kountze Brothers in the old ferent under less serious circumguns of all calibers made the war zone hideous with their mighty detonations. There was no cessation of this fic report followed. Police believe that had the bomb been encased it would have had force enough to create great test was still continuing, the vibra- have had force enough to create great tion shaking windows 40 and 50 miles damage. It contained about an ounce of nitroglycerine.

Mrs. Sorenson handled the bomb. which was in the shape of a glass "ball," for several hours before she became suspicious of its contents and handled even more carefully by the opera house. officers as they took it to the city

a room vacated by a foreigner Monday night. Tuesday morning Mrs. late home of Mr. Kountze at Sorenson received a letter, written in o'clock Friday morning. a code, which she took to the postoffice to have translated. The letter read: "Watch." Below this word was round ring, with a dot in the center, believed to have represented the bomb. Below this were the words:

Mrs. Sorenson says she knows of no enemies who would endeavor to take her life.

JESSE LOWE, SON OF FIRST MAYOR OF OMAHA, DIES Condition of Winter Wheat

Jesse Lowe, 58 years old, son of Jesse Lowe, sr., Omaha's first mayor, is marching to the battlefield there is died Wednesday morning at his home in Beardstown, Ill., after a long ill- improvement to winter wheat during must be filed by May 1. enormous task, which the ness Mr. Lowe was formerly a mem- the week just ended, the weather British army has performed and still ber of the firm of Rosewster, Christy bureau crop bulletin today announced. performing may be shown by a few & Lowe in Omaha, where he resided | Some damage was done by freezing

"Of these the British army alone has engaged 79, the French alone have engaged 24 and the remainder, mouth of the Mississippi, and extenmouth of the Mississippi, and extenhave been engaged by the British sive alterations of the course of the Warrior river in Alabama.

Mr. Lowe is survived by his widow, town. The body will be brought to Omaha for interment.

Ice to Be Luxury.

summer with a "blue sky" price and Moines. an under supplied market, according operating in the search. It is be-Ice Dealers association meeting in

Spanish Vessel Torpedoed

And Three of Crew Lost Madrid, April 17 .- The owners of he Spanish vessel Louisa have informed the government that the ship

crew were lost.

LUTHER KOUNTZE, HEAD OF BANKING HOUSE, IS DEAD

One of Founders of First National of Omaha Passes Away at New York: Was 79 Years Old.

gram.)-Luther Kountze, head of the large banking and brokerage house of Kountze Brothers, 141 Broadway, died today at his home, 5 East Fifty-

Seventh street, Mr. Kountze was in his 77th year. He was born in Canton, O. The firm of Kountze & Co. was founded in Lords today passed the second read-Omaha in 1857, as a private banking of the government's man power

In 1862 Mr. Kountze moved to Denver, where he was the founder and cussing the bill, heartily welcomed the first president of the Colorado Na- | measure. tional bank, and later became the first

Two Children Survive.

Mr. Kountze married Miss Anne Parson Ward in 1875, and is survived by two children, Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas and Major W. De Lancey countze, at present attached to the 163d infantry of the 82 division of the national army.

Mr. Kountze had always been a lover and patron of art, and was one took it to the police. The ball was of the founders of the Metropolitan He was a member of the Union and

Metropolitan clubs, and in former Mrs. Sorenson told police that years held membership in a number she found the "ball" on a dresser in of hunting clubs, Funeral services will be held at the

> Visited Omaha Frequently. Luther Kountze who died at his nome in New York City yesterday, was one of the four Kountze brothers

who in pioneer days established 'You are going." She says the letter banks in Omaha, New York and could not have been written by the Denver. Luther Kountze had charge of the affairs of the Denver bank for some years. He had considerable property in

Omaha and many years ago visited here frequently. He never lived in Charles T. Kountze, a nephew. left for the east last night to be present

at the funeral.

Washington, April 17 .- Generally figures. In the battle of Armentieres the Germans thus far have engaged 28 divisions and since March 21 they have engaged 126 divisions.

Mr. Lowe was a civil engineer and handled many important waterway projects, among which were the supprojects, among which were greatly improved by rain in the most important wheat producing the countries.

Seeding of spring grains is unusually advanced, but planting of corn is slightly less advanced than normal n central districts. Iowa's acreage of corn will be reduced by scarcity of

Sisters Alleged to Have Followed Soldier to Camp

Des Moines, April 17.-(Special relegram.)-Two girls from Beacon, Chicago, April 16.—Ice may be one Ia., Mabel and Bernice Edwards, are of the almost prohibitive luxuries this being sought by their parents in Des Police officers are coo members of the Illinois-Wisconsin lieved they came here to see a soldier at Camp Dodge with whom they were acquainted. They have not yet been located.

Inch Rain Helps Winter

Wheat in Valley County Ord, April 16.—More than an inch of rain has fallen during 24 hours. has been torpedoed. Three of the Winter wheat and pasture are in fine

Germans Land 40,000

1. La bar baran, Lauleuthi, himb lo, 1018.

Troops in Finland London, April 17 .- The Germans have landed 40,000 troops at Helsingfors, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, A German squadron anchored in the harbor of Helsingfors consists of 12 ships, including the battleships Posen and Westfalen, each of 18,600 tons.

LORDS ADVANCE MAN POWER BILL

New York, April 17 .- (Special Tele- Conscription Measure Heartily Welcomed by Marquis of Lansdowne and Quickly Passes Second Reading.

London, April 17 .- The House of

The Marquis of Lansdowne, dis-

"Our duty," he said, "is to help enpresident of the street car system in courage the gallant army to the ut-Mr. Kountze then became very on this point that I am quite ready much interested in banking and went to throw to the winds many old to London in 1867, where he studied notions and antagonisms, and I bethe private banking situation for a lieve this can be done without harm year. He returned to New York in to consistency or the pledges of the 1868 and established the banking government. It would be very difstances.

"I could, however, have wished that the government had fixed the age limit lower and I cannot help thinking that the extension of conscription to Ireland is very doubtful wisdom, while it is still more objectionable that this part of the question should be linked up with home rule."

Fourth Officers' Training Camps Will Open May 15

Washington, April 17.-The fourth officers' training camps will open May 15 at various divisional camps and cantonments, Secretary Baker announced today.

The secretary said that 2 per cent of the enlisted personnel of the divisions and detached units of the regular army, national guard and national army, except the coast artillery and the various staff corps, will be designated to attend the schools. In addition there will be admitted all graduating members of senior divisions, reserve officers' training corps units, who have completed the course prescribed for the reserve officers' training corps and all members of the advance course, senior divisions, of the corps, who by May 15 have completed one year of the advanced course and who have had 300 hours of military instruction since January 1 1917, under supervision of an army

In addition men who have had a year's military training under army Improved by Recent Rains officers, at any time during the last 10 years, in educational institutions, favorable weather caused a continued recognized by the War department, will be admitted. All applications

New Army Registration Bill Ordered Favorably Reported

Washington, April 17.-The senate esolution for registration of men who have reached 21 years of age since June 5, 1917, was ordered favorably reported to the house today. The registration dates would be fixed by presidential proclamation.

Military Police at Work;

Two Women Are Arrested

Federal authorities are holding Sadie Knouse and Hazel Kelly, 1317 Davenport street, in default of \$500 bonds each. They were arrested by military police in company with Charles White and Charles House, soldiers. They are charged with violation of the government five-mile

Thousands of Families

Starving in Bohemia Washington, April 17 .- Thousands of families in Bohemia, especially in Prague and vicinity, are starving, according to an official dispatch from France today, which quoted the Leipziger Volks Zeitung. Last week it was estimated that there was a deficit of 100,000 loaves of bread in Prague.

GREAT GERMAN DRIVE LOCALIZED ON NARROW FRONT

Further Successes Would Force British to Evacuate Large Area, Belief of Military Men at Washington.

Washington, April 17.-For the moment the German drive at the British line has localized on the sector running from Bailleul around to the eastward of Ypres and military men here are watching with eager interest the British counter attacks on this company. Later it beer at the First National bank of Omaha.

In 1962 We have the First bill.

While the British official statement | that direction.

withdrawn and readjusted on a new front did not give the position of the new line, it is known that the general trend of the British line on this northern flank of the great battle now is represented by almost a right angle. Troops which faced due east only a week ago are now fighting on a front that extends in a general east and west direction and they are facing south. From the lines to the east of Ypres the British have been swung |

Ypres positions as the hinge of the movement. That hinge now forms a broad salient into the German lines which they are trying to flatten out. Should the German effort fail, it is believed here the British will be left in a strong strategic position. By a counter attack from Ypres they might reconquer all the ground lost in this northern extension of the battle front The desperate nature of the attacks manders that their position will be untenable unless they can widen it in

that the lines east of Ypres had been Treasury Department-Urges Speeding Up in Loan Drive

Washington, April 17.-The third Liberty loan campaign is two-fifths ! over and less than one-third of the three billion dollars minimum, has been officially recorded as subscribed The total reported tonight to the treasury, covering receipts by bany up to the close of business last night was \$952,923,250, or \$48,000,000 short of the billion dollar total expected by

back on a 12-mile front with the "The need for constant, steady drive ng by sales committees every day throughout the remainder of the campaign is plain," says the treasury statement. "Only persistant daily and hourly effort will restore the campaign to the rate it had acquired a week ago, possibly under the impetus of the start of the honor flag

Tardieu Reappointed.

Washington, April 17 .- Reappoint ment of Andre Tardieu, as high commissioner of France to the United States, was announced today in an official cable from Paris.

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The Blouse Store

An important group of Spring and Summer blouses will be featured

Thursday for \$5.95

Tailored and novelty styles in Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Voile. Not a bit ordinary in either appearance or value.

Men Will Like These Silk Shirts And New Neckwear

The Mens Shop

Good looking Shirts of tub silks, broadcloth silks and crepe de chine. Plain shades - stripes and stripes filled with plain colors. All very new and bound to please. Eagles and Manhattans. Both above criticism \$5 to \$12

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tain to be comfortable on hot

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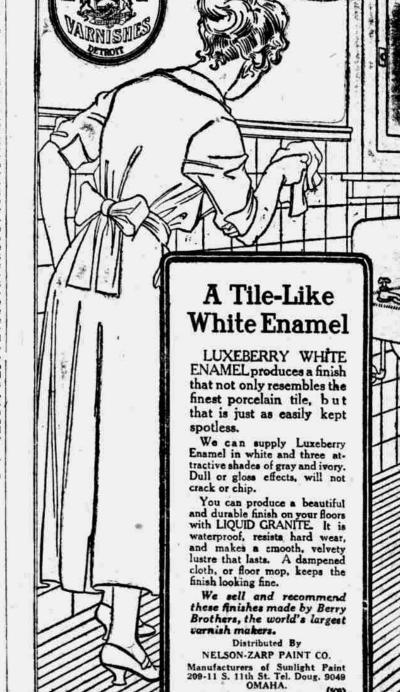
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