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TEUTONIC POWERS LAUNCH TRIPLE OFFENSIVE; SUPREME EFFORT TO END WORLD WAR

Mighty Drives in France; Italy and Balkans to Be Extended Soon to Russia-Defensive Attitude to Be Adopted if Blows Fail

Less Talk of Peace in Berlin While Armies Are Engaged. Germany Determined to Fight to the End and Leave to Allies the Initiative in Move to Close Bloodiest Chapter of Human History

GENEVA, May 29. A triple offensive has been launched by the Central Powers with the growing possibility that it will soon be extended to the east fronts.

Troops of the German allies are engaged in offensive operations on the west front, on the Austro-Italian front and in the Balkans. In Turkey the Ottoman troops are striving vigorously to launch a counter-offensive against the Russians, but they are meeting with severe obstacles. It is believed by some important Swiss military critics that Germany and

her allies are now engaged in their final supreme effort. If they fail it will likely b. necessary for them to adopt defensive tactics until the end of the war. Dispatches from Berlin state that there is less peace talk now. Germany, having made her position clear before the world and having shown her willingness to make peace, is now determined to fight on until the end, making it necessary for the Allies to make the first peace move, say the advices.

RIOTS IN ATHENS WHILE BULGARS INVADE GREECE AND SEIZE FORTS

attack. It was evidently part of German strategy to attack the Allies on the flank. Demir Hissar is on the railway line which ins through the territory Greece acquired

Three Greek forts and several block-houses were captured by the Bulgarians. But the Greeks are in possession of Seres,

PLAN TO BREAK UP

PENROSE MEETING

With Republican Com-

mittee Conference

"SOME ONE" TELEPHONED

Alleged efforts to break up the meeting of the newly elected Republican State Com-mittee, which is to be held at the Bellevue-

Stratford Hotel next Wednesday, were blocked today by State Chairman William

leged that "some one" had been telephoning to the newly elected committeemen request-ing them not to appear at the meeting.

The reason given by the "unknown" per-sons, who are alleged to have done the telephoning, according to Senator Crow, is

completed and that no certificates of elec-tion, as members of the State Committee,

Senator Crow declined to say who had

telephoned the comitteemen. He declared that the law plainly fixes next Wednesday

for the State Committeemen to meet and

The meeting of the State Committee will

preceds a caucus of the Pennsylvania dele gates to the Republican National Conven

tion, called last week by Scnator Penrose. The Brumbaugh delegates have threatened to bolt the caucus of delegates and Chair-

man Crow, who is a lieutenant of Senator Penrose, intimates that the Brumbaugh forces also are attempting to prevent the meeting of the State Committee.

The Republican State Committee officials

today reached as many members of the new State Committee as they could by tele-phone. To the other members the follow-

"It is important for you to be present

at the meeting of the State Committee on Wednesday morning at the Bellevue-Strat-ford Hotel, Philadelphia. I am advised that a movement is on to keep committee

men from attending. Pay no attention to any suggestion of that nature. Your pres-ence here is necessary, as the law fixes Wednesday as the final day to organize."

The telegram was signed by William E

Senator Crow also signed the following

statement which was given out at Repub

ican State Committee headquarters on

South Broad street.

My attention has been called to an attempt on the part of certain persons to misinform members of the State Committee regarding the meeting of the committee on Wednesday in Philadelphia. I learned that telephone messages have been sent to committeemen requesting them not to appear by reason of the fact that the official count at Harrisburg is not completed, and that no certificates of election as members of the State Committee have been lasued.

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"I wish to advise the men elected as mombers of the State Committee that there positively will be a meeting on Wednesday in accordance with the law on the subject.

"As State chairman. I am duty bound to observe the letter of the law, and take this means of notifying the committeemen as to the necessity of being present on Wednesday morning at the Bellevie-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. From information received direct from the offices of the County Commissioners throughout the State. I learn that there is no contest or dispute of any kind in connection with the election of State Committeemen. Every man elected, therefore, is sure of his authority to sit on the committee and pe chairman of that body i more as to rescaptize the men declared cheird by the County Commissioners."

ng telegram was sent:

frow, chairman.

E. Crow.

have been issued.

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to Kavala on the Aegean coast.

CROW CHARGES

Riots have broken out in Athens as a result of the Bulgarian invasion of East-ern Macedonia, according to a telegram received today from the Greek capital. A hostile demonstration was made in front of the palace.

Dispatches from Athens announced last week that the Skouloudis Cabinet had resigned owing to the political situation in Greece. It was stated that the pro-Allies party had become stronger and the country was again being swept by an interventionistic agitation. It was said that Skouloudis might be succeeded by a nonneutral cabinet, which possibly would fore-shadow Greece's intervention in the great

The Greek war party, led by ex-Pramier Venizelos, is using the Bulgarian invasion to the best advantage in renewing the demand that Greece enter the war on the side of the Allies. The Venizelist organs declare that the Bulgars, concentrating near Xanthi, are planning an advance against the Greek root of Kayala long coyated by the Greek port of Kavala, long coveted by the Bulgars. It is believed here, however, that King Constantine, unwilling to plunge his country into war, will confine action to a diplomatic protest against the invasion.

GERMANS AND BULGARS SHELL ALLIES' DEMIR HISSAR LINE | Hints at Plot to Interfere

ATHENS. May 29.—Bulgarian troops, equipped with German artillery and led by German officers, are violently bombarding the Allies' positions on the Demir Hissar front in Macedonia.

The Bulgarians have penetrated Greek territory for 15 miles, and at some points where the Greek troops tried to stem th invasion, they were vigorously shelled by the Bulgara.

All the indications are that the long-expected drive against the Allies in donia is finally under way, and that the Central Powers have decided upon an of-fensive campaign in almost all the theatres

Strong protests have been made to the Bulgarian Government by the Greek Gov-ernment against the intrusion of Bulgarian soldiers in Greek soil. On Sunday mass-meetings were held here and in Salonica. when resolutions were adopted protesting against the invasion of Greece. There were cries of "down with the Bulgarians! There are approximately 40,000 Bulgar ians and Germans on Greek soil. The point where the invasion took place was far to that the Central Powers would make their

THE WEATHER

Being polkitothermal may have some-thing to do with it. At ady rate, we have the host depressig cold that was ever yisited upod a hubad beig. It is ibpossible to strike the right keys of this typewriter, so blidig are the tears that flow frob our eyes add alog our dose. Warb weather, a shower of raid, a log rud to save our skid frob beig dredched—that's how the cold cabe. To that add a policilotherbal cod-

Polkliotherbal beads cold-blooded—full of cold. Atchoo! Atchoo!

FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA Sased on a New Discovery in Solar Physics b WILLIS L. MOORE and W. F. CABOTHERS.

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Sunday, June 1—The week will open moderately warm and cloudy.

Monday, June 5—There will be showers in advance of a cool wave.

Tuesday, June 6. Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8.—A cool wave is due Tuesday and Wednesday, with clearing weather and 10 degrees cooler, light frosts being probable in exposed places.

Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10—Warmer temperatures will be returning as the week closes, generally fair weather continuing

GENERAL WEATHER MOVEMENTS

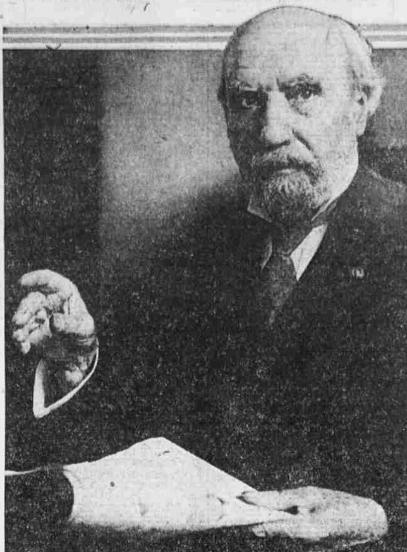
A cool movement, due to develop in the northwest. June 3, will be reinforced by an intermittent movement, June 3, making an Average to strong movement. It will be proceeded by chowers in the Middle West and thence eastward to the Atlantic and will bring 15 to 20 degrees cooler weather generally, with frosts in the extreme northwest.

A moderate movement is due June 7, bringing generally fair and warmer weather.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Un-estiled and continued warm and humid tonight and Tuesday, with probably thunder showers; gentle variable winds.

LOST AND FOUND

"EMPIRE BUILDER" DIES IN ST. PAUL



James J. Hill, financier and railroad pioneer, whose lifework was opening up the vast fertile fields of the Northwest to the East, died today after an operation performed by the Doctors Mayo.

in the Balkan wars. It is about 45 miles northeast of Salonica. Pro-Allies newspapers declare that the FRENCH REPULSE Bulgarian offensive is aimed at Greece, as well as the Allies, and out the question: "Will the Bulgarian flag supplant the Greek flag in Macedonia?" 2 DRIVES ON WEST There are military critics who think that the Bulgarians are ready to drive through BANK OF MEUSE

Violent Assaults Delivered by Germans From Woods West of Cumieres

FIVE HOURS OF BATTLE

The west bank of the Meuse has become the scene of violent activity on

Two attacks were made against the French position in Corbeaux, northwest of Verdun, last night, but both were repulsed, it is announced today by the French War Office.

East of the Meuse River the Germans are concentrating their artillery fire against Fort Vaux.

Throughout all of Sunday and all night long the big guns were hammering away at the French positions at Fort Vaux. The French guns replied and the artillery duel developed into Senator Crow, in a public statement, al- one of the utmost violence.

The most recent Berlin bulletin claims advantage on the western side of the Meuse. London admits Teuton raids on trenches along the Flanders that the official count at Harrisburg is not front, prepared by heavy cannonading.

> PARIS, May 29. In a five-hour battle waged last night or the west bank of the Meuse two most vio-lent German attacks from the Corbeaux woods, west of Cumieres, were completely repulsed, the War Office announced today. The Germans launched the first attack at

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BURLESON SUMMONED IN 'POSTMASTERS' LOBBY

Senate Committee Requests Him to Appear-Some Say Blakslee Is "Goat"

By'a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 29 .- Dissatisfied with the statement of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakslee that his "postmasters' lobby" was not inspired by his chief, Postmaster General Burleson, the members of the Senate Postoffice Committee have decided to "request" the latter to ap-pear before them either tomorrow or Wed-nesday.

When the committee had Blakslee "on

the carpet" Saturday, he said he had in-spired the bombardment of Congress with a view to forcing acceptance of Postmaster General Burleson's view on railway mail pay and rural route extensions without con-suiting Postmaster General Burleson. Sev-eral of the members are inclined to the belief that Blakslee is being made "the goat," and that the propaganda of the Post Office Department to force Senators and Congressmen into line was really start-

ed by Postmaster General Burieson.

If Postmaster General Burieson should decline to testify before the committee, it is said here that President Wilson will be asked to have him appear. Democratic and Republican Senators who are members of the Postoffice Committee are united in the belief that Blaksice should be removed from his present position, and a demand is being made for his discharge.

Conductor Falls to Death Conductor Fails to Death
NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 29.—Patrick
Firmming, 42 years old a fleading Railway
conductor, was killed shortly before midciant above Bridgepoit by failing from a
incomptive. His head was sovered and his
body mustilated. Coroner McGiathery has
not found any one who saw Financing fall
from the lecomotive.

HUGHES THE MAN TO BEAT WILSON, HITCHCOCK SAYS

I'm Confident He Will Accept, if Nominated," Ex-Chairman Asserts

TAKES BOOM TO CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 29 .- The boom for Supreme Court Justice Hughes for the Republican presidential nomination got under way in earnest here today with the arrival in Chicago of Frank H. Hitchcock, exchairman of the Republican National Com-

Hitchcock said he wanted it emphatically understood that he is "not here to open up Hughes headquarters," but he admitted he would be "on the job" to look out for the Justice's interests and would "keep an ear

"I am confident Heghes will accept if he is nominated." Hitchcock said. "He has not told me so, but I feel that way about it. I haven't seen Mr. Hughes for a month. He is the most likely candidate. It will be a hard task to beat Woodrow Wilson, but Hughes is the man to do it. but Hughes is the man to do it.
"If the people will go back and read
Hughes' speeches, made before he went to
the Supreme Court, they will know how he
stands on everything. He hasn't changed.

WHITMAN TO MAKE SPEECH. "Hughes will be the first man nominated Alabama will yield to New York and Gov-speech. Whitman will make the nominating speech. Whitman will be here Mondoy

speech. Writtman will be here alongly and so will George B. Tanner. New York State chairman. Hughes will have 30 votes from New York on the first ballot, a majority of the delegation."

The first presidential candidate arrived in Chicago today. T. Coleman du Pont, of Delaware, who expects the vote of his

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ARMORY COPING FALLS; MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Two-Ton Marble Block Breaks Scaffold-Another Workman Seriously Injured

One workman was killed and another fatally injured today when a two-ton marble coping which was being placed over the main entrance of the new State Armory being constructed at 33d street and Lancaster avenue, fell on a scuffold on which the men were standing. The scaffold crashed to the pavement a distance of 50 feet, burying the men under the wreckage.

The dead man was Stephen Casulo, 57 years old, of 144 North \$5th street, a stone carver, whose handiwork adorns many of the buildings in the central section of the city. Almost every bone in his bedween city. Almost every bone in his body wa

live, is John Smith, 45 years old, of 5553 Chancellor street. He received internal in-juries and possible concussion of the brain. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital. At least 100 persons witnessed the ac-cident. Cazulo, with a small model at his side, was carving a huge eagle over the uain entrance when the marble coping over

main entrance when the marble coping over his head suddenly topoled.

The men were employed by the Tognarelli & Voight Company, of 1748 North 12th street, subcontractors for the Fidelity Con-atruction Company, of 1213-15 Filhert street. Special Officers Roseboro and Farmer, of the 19th street and Lancaster avenue atation. Were assigned to investigate the acci

A request for a two weeks' vacation with pay instead of one was made of Director Dateman, of the Department of Public Works, this aftermon by 300 cleaners, painters and other situation at the Figure The Director specified the request in a friendly attitude and said be would hold it under advisement. City Hall Workers Want 2 Weeks Off

QUICK NEWS

MAURER AND PRESIDENT IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, today called on President Wilson and discussed labor matters. Mr. Maurer also discussed with the President the question of an adequate national defense.

EX-AMBASSADOR CREEL'S NEPHEW ARRESTED IN MEXICO

JUAREZ, May 29 .- Juan Creel, nephew of the former Ambassador to the United States; Enrique Legett, grandson of Luis Terrazza, the Chihuahua land baron; Francisco Larsida and one other Mexican have been arrested and imprisoned here. They were taken into custody when they crossed the international lines.

MONTREAL RACING RESULTS

First race, purse \$600, 2-year-olds, 4 1-2 furlongs - Manokin, 113, Ward, \$4.20, \$4.10 and \$3, won; Imp Joanna 2d, 100, Robinson, \$13.50 and \$6.70, second; Conowingo, 100, Mott. \$3.60, third.

BELMONT RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, with \$500 added, 41-2 furlongs-None uch, 109, Ball, 4 to 5 and out, won; Badiant Flower, 109, Mink, 11 to 5, 2 to 5 and out second; Barry 108, Taplin, 15 to 1, 5 to 2 and out, third. Time, :55. Jove also ran.

550 DEATHS FROM GERMAN RAIDS ON ENGLAND

LONDON, May 29.-Five hundred and fifty men, women and children have been killed by German air and sea attacks upon England, it was announced in Commons today by Home Scretary Herbert Samuel. There have been three sea raids and 44 air attacks. In the sea raids 61 men, 40 women and 40 children were killed and 611 were injured; in the air raids 222 men, 114 women and 73 children were killed and 1005 wounded.

WILL IMPOSE SURTAX ON INCOMES FROM U. S. SECURITIES LONDON, May 29 .- Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave

notice in Commons today he would move an additional income tax of 2 shillings the pound on the income from American securities acquired by the Treasury,

HEAVY GUNFIRE HEARD IN THE BALTIC

STOCKHOLM, May 29.—Heavy gunfire was heard in the Baltic in the direction

BRITAIN AND FRANCE TAKE UP MAIL SEIZURE REPLY

LONDON, May 29.-The British Government will hold conversations with the French Foreign Office before any reply is made to the note of the United States protesting against mail seizures. It probably will be a fortnight before the reply

BRITISH MARRIED MEN REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

LONDON, May 29 .- Married groups between the ages of 27 and 35 reported to

AUSTRIANS LOSE 72,000 MEN IN 12-DAY BATTLE

tarily under the Derby scheme before conscription goes into effect.

MHLAN, May 29 .- A Swiss officer returned from the Trentino estimates the Austrian losses during the 12 days' battle at the rate of nearly 6000 men daily Other reports from Berne give the Austrian losses at 69,000 men. The Austrian left wing, after seven days' fighting, lost more than half its battalions. These losses are said to have prevented the Austrian progress on the left wing, while the centre was advancing. Austrian military circles are reported bitterly disappointed at the failure of the right and left wings, which compromise the ultimate success of their offensive.

GERMAN LOSSES TO MAY PUT AT 2,822,079

LONDON, May 29 .- German lesses from the beginning of the war to May 1 as compiled by the British Press Bureau from official German casualty lists, total 2.822,079. During April there were 91,162.

FORD CONSIDERS SECOND PEACE PILGRIMAGE

DETROIT, May 29.-Henry Ford, who organized the peace expedition which sailed for Europe last winter, may return to Europe to renew his efforts to bring about peace among the warring nations. This possibility was made public last night by Theodore de Lavigne, who is in close touch with Mr. Ford. He said Mr Ford may sail for Stockholm about June 15. Gaston Plaintiff, who was left in charge of the peace party when Mr. Ford was taken ill last winter, has been here tor some time. It was said he will sail for Europe on June 1.

TELEGRAPHERS TO VOTE ON NATION-WIDE STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 29.-The question of a national strike of commercial teleguphers will be decided by the national convention of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, which will open today. The radical faction wants an immediate strike, while the conservatives favor postponement. The radicals plan to call a strike on June 6, on the eve of the national conventions in Chicago. The general executive pourd met vesterday to decide upon recommendations. At midnight no decision had been reached. The telegraphers assert that Western Union managers have orders to discharge any known member of the union.

RIVERTON MAN DECORATED FOR BRAVERY IN FRANCE

For conspicuous bravery under fire, Ogden Nevin, 25 years old, who has fust returned to his home in Riverton, N. J., was awarded the decoration of the third class of the Legion of Honor. He is a former student of the University of Pennsylvania. He was with the American ambulance corps at Dunkirk on May 8 and helped carry the wounded from the field, indifferent to heavy fire. He was at verdun, where the working may for three weeks averaged 19 hours.

GERMANS EXECUTE THREE SPIES AT BRUSSELS

LONDON, May 29.—Ten persons have been convicted of esplonage at Brussels, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. The dispatch quotes the Telegranf as authority for the statement that three persons already have been put to death, while the sentences of seven others were commuted to life imprisonment.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT ROBBED OF JEWELS PARIS, May 29.—Gems valued at \$28,000, belonging to James Gordon Bennett, ave been stolen at Nice. A band of 20 men has been arrested, charged with the

FORMAL OPENING OF PANAMA CANAL THIS FALL

KINGSTON, Jamaica. May 29.-Major General Goethals, passing here yesterday, said in an interview that the formal opening of the Panama Canal would take place in the fall. He would not state whether the report that he intended resigning the governorship was true.

JAMES J. HILL, GREAT 'EMPIRE BUILDER,' DEAD

Noted Railroad Magnate and Financier Succumbs in 78th Year

STARTED AS POOR BOY

Was Powerful Factor in Development of Northwest's Resources

Epochs in Life of J. J. Hill, Empire Builder in West

Born at Guelph, Wellington County, Ontario, Canada, on Sep-tember 16, 1838. First job was clerk in a country

Went to St. Paul, Minn., in 1865 and obtained position as a shipping clerk.

Studied fuel and transportation problems, started business of his own and in 1870 built a steamboat. First to bring coal shipment to St.

In 1872 opened line from St. Paul

to Winnipeg.
In 1873 acquired managership of the almost defunct St. Louis and Pacific Railway. In 1879 with partners got control and reorganized road as the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Company. Became president in 1883.

In 1880 began construction of Northern Pacific, 6000 miles being

Organized lake and Pacific fleets. In 1901 began his operations with Morgan and other interests in the East that, with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, gained control of the existing vast railroad inter-

Owned a majority of the stock of the following big corporations: Great Northern Railroad, Northern Pacific Railroad, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Great Nor-thern Pacific Steamship Company, Northern Steamship Company (Great Lakes).

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 29 .- James J Hiff, railroad builder and financier, died at his home here today at 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hill had been ill for about ten days. Every effort to save his life had been made by a large cotorie of specialists, rushed here several days ago from Rochester, Minn,

Mr. Hill became unconscious two hours before he died. "The end came quickly," sald an official statement. "Mr. Hill beame unconscious a few hours before. There were no death agonies."

Announcement of Mr. Hill's death was made at his residence by Dr. Herman Biggs, of New York.

Almost all the members of the financier's mmediate family were at the bedside when he expired.

The immediate cause of Mr. Hill's death was an abscess which formed on his thigh some time ago, and, despite treatment of the War Office for service today. These men were given a chance to enlist volunfamous specialists, steadily became worse, The infection, it is said, had spread to below his knee before death came. He suffered intensely, and had periods of unconsciousness during the last few days.

DEATH FOLLOWS OPERATION.

Physicians gave up hope for his recovery when he failed to rally after the operation Friday. His advanced age. 78, and the Intense pain which he suffered from the operation had so weakened his general constitution that he was not able to withstand the strain.

Business conferences were held with Hill n his deathbed. Apparently realizing his condition, he called several railroad officials n Sunday and told them of the disposition he wanted made of several pending matters. When they were gon, he demanded that two bank officers come. Another confenence was held.

Despite his wonderful vitality the operaon was serious. Special trains were rushed to St. Paul today. One heavy train was run in record-breaking time from Chicago to carry two ounces of a peculiar sedative Hill's specialists suggested.

Dr. W. J. Mayo, Dr. Charles Mayo and two other surgeons from Rochester, Minn. were assisted in the operations by Dr. J. S. Gilfallen. Hill's family physician, and Dr. Herman Biggs, State Health Commissioner of New York. Although it was said yesterday Biggs was being rushed here by special train it became known he had been

in the Hill mansion since Friday. RELATIVES AT BEDSIDE Rushed here by a special train Mra Samuel Hill, of Washington, hurried into the death chamber just in time to grasp the

hand of her dying father. Mrs. A. M. Beard, New York, is the only child who did not get here before the sud came. She arrived half an hour after the

magnate's death. At the hedside were all of the other children and widow. Mrs. Hill collapsed and

is in an extremely nervous condition. The children are: James W. Hill. New York | Mrs. George T. Slade, St. Paul ; Mrs. Egil Boeckmann, St. Paul; Waiter Itill, Hailock, Minn ; Mrs. Michael Gavin, No. York, and Miss Clara Hill and Louise Hill. who lived at home with their father, and Mrs. Samuel Hill, of Washington; Mrs. A.

M Beard, New York. Walter Hill arose from a shot bed to ome to the bedside of his father.

The sotire city of 84. Paul immedia egan preparation to honor the manualy of Hill. The Northwest considering him greatest must, was randy to pay trible