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Thunder showers Tuesday. Wednesday partly cloudy.

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BLOODY BATTLES IN VERDUN REGION AND SOUTH TYROL

Italians Holding Austrians in Check and Inflicting Heavy Losses Upon Them.

GERMANS MAKE A GAIN They Capture About 300 Metres of French Trenches Northwest of Village of Cumieres.

The Verdun region and Southern Tyrol continue the theatres where the most sanguinary battles are taking place.

Fighting of great intensity has been in progress around Hill 304, and between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres.

In Tyrol the Austrians in the La-Gorina and south of the Fossina Torrent threw heavy assaults against the Italian positions.

Minor successes have been obtained by the Russians over the Turks in the Rivandouza region of the Caucasus front.

Since the commencement of the war, 1,618 persons have been killed and 1,618 injured in the British Isles by German attacks by sea and air.

KAUFMAN ADDRESSES TOBACCO MERCHANTS

Says Newspaper Advertising is Most Valuable to Them.

Washington, May 29.—Newspaper advertising is most valuable to the tobacco trade, Herbert Kaufman, of New York, declared in an address before the Tobacco Merchants' Association.

The demand for tobacco ceases when you stop advertising, said Mr. Kaufman. "Newspapers are the best because they reach rich and poor alike."

ELECTION ABSORBS WOMEN'S ATTENTION

Many of Illinois Delegation Said to be Pledged to Mrs. Cowles Expected to Bolt.

SOUTHERN WOMEN SHIFT

Only Two Candidates Officially Reported for President of General Federation—Mrs. Reilly Has No Opposition.

New York, May 29.—The election of officers, although two days off, and the report tomorrow of the nominating committee, absorbed the attention tonight of the 10,000 delegates, alternates and visitors attending the 13th biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in session here.

Although it is unofficially reported that Mrs. Josiah Cowles, of California, and Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of Ohio, will be reported as the only candidates for the presidency, it is expected that a large number of the Illinois delegation, said to be pledged to Mrs. Cowles, will bolt, and propose as the State's candidate Mrs. George Bass, of Chicago.

Delegates from most of the Southern states, heretofore claimed by Mrs. Sneath's supporters, insisted tonight that there had been a sudden shift to Mrs. Cowles because of rumors circulated regarding Mrs. Sneath's alleged intention of permitting the Federated Negro Women's Clubs of the South to join the federation.

There will be no contests for the other offices, a member of the board of directors said tonight, except for that of auditor, to which Mrs. William P. Harper, of Seattle, and Mrs. Sarah Evans, of Portland, Ore., aspire.

No Opposition to Mrs. Reilly. Miss George A. Bacon, of Worcester, is as yet unopposed for first vice-president, and will be succeeded as second vice-president by Mrs. Eugene J. Reilly, of Charlotte, N. C., without opposition.

At the business session today a motion was defeated to eliminate the word "woman's" from the corporate name of the Federation, in order to facilitate the entrance of men's clubs into the Federation.

Majority Leader Speaks for Naval Appropriation Bill. Washington, May 29.—Majority Leader Kitchin made his promised speech in behalf of the Naval Appropriation bill in the House today, explaining that while he believed the measure provided for greater preparedness on sea than the country really needed he was supporting it because it eliminated the Navy Department's five-year building programme.

Washington, May 29.—The state will attempt to prove that Victor E. Innes of Eugene, Ore., not only took \$3,745.20 from Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis but murdered Mrs. Dennis and her sister, Beatrice Nelms, Solicitor General Dorse announced here today at the opening of Innes' trial for larceny after trust. The Nelms sisters disappeared in San Antonio, Texas, in June, 1914, and Innes and his wife later were acquitted there of charges of murdering the two Atlanta women.

Washington, May 29.—Feeding the masses of the population in the larger cities by means of central kitchens under municipal auspices is the solution selected by the government to meet the problem of the food supply and distribution during the period of the war.

RIVERS AND HARBOR MEASURE PASSED

Bill Carrying Appropriations of \$43,000,000 Goes to Conference of Two Houses.

KENYON FIGHT DIES HARD

Republican Senator Predicts It Will Be Last Bill of Kind to Pass a Congress—\$30,000,000 Substitute Voted Down.

Washington, May 29.—The Senate today passed the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$43,000,000, by a vote of 35 to 32 after adding many amendments. The bill will now go to a conference of the two houses.

The fight against it, begun by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, and Senator Sherman, of Illinois, gained strength until a final effort to displace it with a substitute appropriating a lump sum of \$30,000,000 was defeated by only one vote.

"You are voting at least \$20,000,000 more than is absolutely unjustifiable," said Senator Kenyon. "You are dumping thousands of dollars in streams where commerce is rapidly disappearing and into streams with less than a foot of water in them and into streams that you could not recognize as such when you crossed them."

"You have had an opportunity to correct some of these abuses but you would not. Your motto is 'let the people squeal.' I have done my best and I want to say that if the price of holding my seat in the Senate is to vote for bills of this kind, the seat may go for my usefulness to my constituents in that event is ended. Some day a Congress will be here which will not consider that the greatest statesman is a man who can get the greatest amount of money out of the Federal Treasury."

Washington, May 29.—State Department officials were somewhat mystified today over the failure of the new note from General Carranza to reach the department or the Mexican embassy. The department's advisers indicated that it was to be expected yesterday.

Manuel Mendez, who is supposed to be acting as special messenger, arrived here today, but declared he had no knowledge of the note whatever, and merely had come to Washington on a vacation. Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, with whom Manuel Mendez, the visitor, conferred, said that none of his messages from the foreign office contained any mention of a new note.

Word that the note was coming and that it probably would renew the suggestion that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico reached the department last week. Later dispatches from Mexico City said the Carranza government was taking precautions to guard against premature publication of the note and that nothing concerning its contents would be revealed until it had been presented in Washington.

Oil Operators Protest. The protest of 84 American oil operators in the Tampico region against decrees of the de facto government affecting their work is still awaiting consideration at the State Department. Rumors transmitted by the border military commanders as matters of information for the War Department said 22,000 Carranza troops were mobilized near Chihuahua City.

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"Ecce Homo"

CARRANZA'S NOTE FAILS TO ARRIVE

Manuel Mendez Reaches Washington, But Declares He Knows Nothing of Communication.

OFFICIALS ARE MYSTIFIED

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ROOSEVELT FIRST TO PITCH A TENT

Headquarters Opened in Chicago, VonL. Meyer is Expected to Take Charge Today.

HITCHCOCK HAS A PLAN

To Have Alabama Give Way to New York, So Hughes' Name May Be Presented First—That's Where Fight Starts.

Chicago, May 29.—Republican Roosevelt headquarters were opened today in Chicago by Herbert Satterlee and Lawrence Graham, of New York, and active work getting delegate votes for the candidate begun.

Indications are that the plan of Charles E. Hughes presented to the Republican National convention as the first candidate may result in an interesting fight between the Root, Roosevelt and Hughes friends.

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PRaises WORK OF FRENCH AT VERDUN

General Haig Reviews in Detail Actions in Which English Have Taken Part in West.

SINCE LAST DECEMBER

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"During this period," he says, "the only offensive effort made by the enemy on a great scale was directed against our French allies near Verdun. The fighting in that area has been prolonged and severe. The results have been worthy of the traditions of the French army and of great service to the cause of the Allies."

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HILL'S FUNERAL TO BE RATHER PRIVATE

Pioneer Railroad Builder and Financier Died at Minnesota Home Yesterday Morning.

HIS CAREER METEORIC ONE

Body of the Discoverer of "The World's Breadbasket" to Be Placed in a Private Mausoleum at Country Home This Afternoon.

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—The funeral of James J. Hill, pioneer railroad builder and financier, who died at 9:35 o'clock this morning, will be held at his home at 2 p. m. Wednesday, members of his family announced tonight.

Mr. Hill's death was caused by an infection due to bowel trouble, his physicians stated today. Following an operation performed Sunday afternoon he sank rapidly and his extreme age, 78 years, militated against recovery.

The public will not have an opportunity formally to pay tribute to the leading citizen of the Northwest, but Mr. Hill's associates and the faithful employees will be admitted to the house to view the body before the funeral services. The general offices of the Great Northern Railway and the First National Bank and Northwest Trust Company will be closed Wednesday.

Telegrams poured in this afternoon from all parts of the country with expressions of condolence. A constant stream of family friends called at the home at the residence of Louis W. Hill, next door.

Family Issues Statement. The family statement was as follows: Mr. Hill passed away very peacefully after several hours of unconsciousness. All the members of the immediate family were present except one daughter, Mrs. Anson Beard, who will arrive tonight and one grandson, James N. B. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hill, who will arrive from Cambridge tomorrow.

Vicar General Gibbons attended Mr. Hill during his last hours and will officiate at the funeral services at the house and also at the grave. The public services will be held at the residence of Louis W. Hill, next door, Wednesday, May 31, at 2 p. m. Interment will be in private at North Oaks where a family mausoleum or memorial chapel will probably be built.

The active pallbearers will be: M. R. Brown, Ralph Budd, Charles W. Gordon, J. M. Gruber, P. L. Howe, W. P. Kenney, Charles Maitland, George Macomber, Theodore Schultz and C. L. Toomey.

The honorary pallbearers will be announced later. Mr. Hill's wealth is estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000. He was probably worth between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000. He had the absolute control of the First National Bank and Northwestern Trust Company, which have a combined capital and surplus of \$6,500,000. Mr. Hill was a large holder of stock in the Chase National Bank of New York; First National Bank of Chicago, and the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis. He was a large owner of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company.

The greatest portion of Mr. Hill's wealth, however, was in the stocks and bonds of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads.

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