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OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1915.

THE WEATHER.
Rain or Snow

On Trains and at Hotel News Stands, 5c SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

FLAMES DESTROY NEWSPAPER PLANT AT IOWA CAPITAL

Building and Entire Equipment of Des Moines Register and Leader and Tribune Swept.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND LOSS

Origin Not Certain, but Reported to Have Been Traced to Lighted Cigarette Thrown Awa.

BLAZE IN THE EARLY MORNING

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 21.—The building and entire plant of the Register and Leader, morning, and Des Moines Tribune, afternoon, newspaper here were destroyed by fire early today. The loss exceeds \$200,000, about three-fourths of which was covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is not certain. It broke out about 7 o'clock after the night force had left, and one report was that a newboy in the circulation room in the basement had dropped a lighted cigarette in some waste papers.

This could not be verified, however. The flames shot up into the composing room, where practically the whole plant was wrecked in a short time. Falling floors destroyed the presses in the basement.

Gardner Cowles, publisher and principal owner of the two papers, said tonight the plant would be rebuilt immediately. Temporary quarters in the Des Moines Daily Capitol offices were accepted by Mr. Cowles, and no issues of either the Register and Leader or the Tribune will be omitted.

Fight Three Hours With Naked Bayonets In Argonne Region

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The British official eye witness says:

"We achieved brilliant successes in the Argonne region. West of Banatelle on February 17 we made a gain of several hundred yards. On the afternoon of the same day the Germans counter attacked furiously and a violent hand-to-hand engagement ensued. For more than three hours the contending forces used nothing but bayonets. Our infantry delivered several successive magnificent bayonet charges and the determined enemy was finally repulsed and the ground gained was definitely organized.

"The fighting was even more desperate on February 19 and 20. At Maricourt the enemy delivered a strong artillery attack and showered field bombs simultaneously with the explosion of mines in contact with our trenches, by which fifteen yards of our trenches were uprooted. Then, following an attack with large bombs, three battalions of infantry charged over the excavation, the first ranks being armed with grenades and bombs. The companies of our advanced line were decimated and were obliged to give ground, entailing the withdrawal of the forces holding the trenches in the rear. To the left and right our men held their positions."

PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The resolution for a prohibitory amendment to the constitution was returned in the senate yesterday by the temperance committee without any consideration and it will go upon the calendar. The house decided that hypnotic shows shall not be allowed to practice their arts upon the minors of this state and passed the act absolutely prohibiting any such exhibitions, with a stringent penalty for any attempt to evade the law. The house also decided for the establishment of a game bird refuge in the northeast corner.

The house is taking its idea of economy out of the different bills which have come along to increase official salaries. It wiped out the effort to give state officials expense accounts, and now has decided that the head of the insurance department and his assistants are not to be allowed an increase in salaries.

The senate passed the holiday bill for daily Bible readings in the public schools, but not until it was amended to make such reading optional instead of compulsory.

Aged Man Dies of Exposure.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—John J. Maris, 84, died at 11 o'clock in the cold after being stricken with paralysis. E. B. Maris, a well known resident of Jerauld county, died a short time after being found by his wife. The old man was in his night clothing when he wandered from the house at an early hour in the morning. His wife finally missed him and conducted a search, which resulted in his being found in an unconscious condition.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

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8 a. m.	28
9 a. m.	28
10 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	28
12 m.	28
1 p. m.	28
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Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	35	1914	30	1911	35
Lowest yesterday	20	1914	15	1911	20
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