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FLAMES DESTROY **NEWSPAPER PLANT** AT IOWA CAPITAL Remarkable Shakeup in Omaha Of

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 Beader, morning, and Des Moines Tribune, afternoon, newepaper here ware destroyed by fire early today. The loss exceeds \$300,000, 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 newsboy in the circulation room about everything else. 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 present cashier, resign.

basement. night the plant would be rebuilt immedi- at \$2,500 per year. ately. Temporary quarters in the Des It recommends that W. A. Kelley, head either the Register and Leader or the \$1,700 to \$1,300 per year.

Fight Three Hours With Naked Bayonets | It recommends that George | It recom

'We achieved brilliant successes in the Argonne region. West of Bagatelle on a salary of \$1,500. February IT we made a gain of several sistant in the special delivery department, hundred yards. On the afternoon of the be made superintendent of the money hundred yards. On the afternoon of the be made superintendent of the money same day the Germans counter attacked order department at a salary of \$1,500 per furiously and a violent hand-to-hand engagement ensued. For more than three year, hours the contending forces used nothing but bayonets. Our infantry delivered several successive magnificent bayonet for the recommendations and no charges charges and the decimated enemy was are made. In every instance the salary finally repulsed and the ground gained of the position to be filled is lowered was definitely organized.

on February 10 and 11. At Marietheresse the enemy delivered a strong artillery attack and showered field bombs simul- istered a decided protest against the retaneously with the explosion of mines in moval of Assistant Postmaster Woodard contact with our trenches, by which fif- and the transfer of Kleffner from the teen yards of our trenches were upheaved. main office to the substation. He has Then, following an attack with large hopes that his voice will have weight three battalions of infantry over the recommendations of the board charged over the excavation, the first ranks being armed with grenades and combs. The companies of our advanced with the Omaha postoffice for forty-two line were decimated and were obliged to years, and has been assistant postmaster give ground, entailing the withdrawal of during thirty-one years of that time. He the forces holding the trenches in the has often been urged for the position of rear. To the left and right our men held postmaster, but never sought the place,

PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. M .- (Special Telegram.)-The resolution for a prohibitory amendment to the constitution was reconsideration and it will go upon to calender. The house decided that hyponotic shows shall not be allowed to practice their arts upon the minors of stringent ponalty for any attempt to evade the law. The house also decided through the various grades to his postfor the establishment of a game bird refuge in the northeast corner.

The house is taking its idea of economy 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 house bill for daily Bible readings in the public schools, but not until it was amended to make such reading optional instead of com-

Aged Man Dies of Exposure. cial.)-Lying for more than two hours in the cold after being stricken with

The Weather



Comparative Local Record. Highest yetserday ... 35 41 29 26
Lowest yesterday ... 35 41 29 26
Lowest yesterday ... 35 41 29 26
Mean temperature ... 77 34 24 24
Predigitation ... 34 7 31 7
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal
Normal temperature ... 25
Excess for the day ... 11
Total excess since March 1 ... 771
Normal precipitation ... 92 inch
Excess for the day ... 22 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 ... 23 inches
Deficiency since March 1 ... 25 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912. 5.58 inches
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"EFFICIENCY" HITS POSTOFFICE HARD

fice Ordered by Board of Inspection Lately Here.

STARTLING CHANGES ARE MADE

An efficiency board of postoffice inspectors floated into Omaha a few weeks ago, and spent about ten days snooping around the local postoffice. When they were leaving the inspectors were approached by a bright young reporter, who asked how they had found things.

"Oh, splendid," was the enthusias-"Things couldn't be

And yesterday the real answer came. It is in the shape of orders for about as complete a shake-up of the force of the Omaha postoffice as could well be imagined. The board doesn't propose the removal of Postmaster John C. Wharton, but it does

Orders Woodard Set Back. Beginning with James 1. Woodard, assistant postmaster, it is recommended that he be made cashier, with his salary reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 per year It recommends that Henry C. Alkin,

It recommends that Charles F. Wille, Gardner Cowies, publisher and prin- superintendent of the money order decipal owner of the two papers, said to- partment, be made assistant postmaster,

Moines Daily Capitol offices were ac- of the registry division, be made a clerk, cepted by Mr. Cowles, and no issues of and that his salary be reduced from

It recommends that C. W. Kalteir, now a clerk in the registry division, be made head of the department at a salary of \$1,500 a year.

In Argonne Region Union Depot substation at his present salary, \$1,700 per year.

It recommends that E. I. Hoag, super PARIS, Feb. 21.—The British official intendent of special delivery carriers, succeed Kleffner at the main office at

It recommends that Charles McGill, as-

No Reason for Changes Given. No reason is assigned by the inspectors although several of the appointees will "The fighting was even more desperate get slight raises over their present pay if they go into the new positions.

Postmaster Wharton has already res-

Veterans of Service Hit. "Jim" Woodard has been connected and each appointee of the president has telt pleased to have Woodard remain as assistant. It would be hard to think of a meaner reward for a lifetime of faith-Woodard at this late day in the interest

Colonel Henry C. Alkin, who is to be forced to resign the position of cashier, more numerous. turned in the senate yesterday by the has been in the service fifteen years. temperance committee without any re- He is 71 years of age, but is still capable of doing his work.

of "efficiency."

These Men Worked Up. this state and passed the act absolutely as clerk at a reduced salary, has been probiting any such exhibitions, with a connected with the Omaha postoffice for twenty-five years, and has worked up tion. George Kleffner is also one of the Charles F. Wille has also come up out of the different bills which have through the various grades of the service. The inspectors who make the recommendations are H. E. Randall, W. F.

Widow of Pioneer

Mrs. Mary Dwyer, widow of John.

Dwyer, pioneer drustist of Omaha, died
Sunday morning at the age of 61 years.

Beaten at Ossowetz.

From the eastern front there is no naws except tonight's unofficial dispatch years. She was a member of the Degree Germans have suffered defeat at Osso-of Honor of Washington lodge and the wets and have been compelled to fall paralysis. E. B. Maris, a well known resident of Jerauld county, died a short time after being found by his wife. The Mrs. D. J. Keough of Humphrey, Neh.; German plans would be entirely upset. old man was in his night clothing when Mrs. Thomas M. Casey of Massena, In., as defeat at this point would endanger he wandered from the house at an early and Mes Helen Dwyer of Omaha; two the whole line northward along the east hour in the morning. His wife finally sons, J. V. and P. J. Dwyer of Omaha; Prussian frontier. hour in the morning. His wife limity missed him and conducted a search, which her mother, Mrs. Catherine White, who resulted in his being found in an unconscious condition.

W. White and J. V. White of Omaha progress, there has been no change in the relative positions of the opposing one sister, Mrs. F. H. Kosters of Omaha armies, while in Bukowina a battle is Sepulchre cemetery in the family lot.

Posses Surrounding Indian Outlaw Camp

Thompson, Utah, says:

'United States Marshal Nebeker's Russians. cosse surrounded the Indian camp new a white man, and an Indian were killed this morning. Another posse has left report killed two women. Grayson to assist Marshal Nebeker. The mountains are almost impassable owing CASSEL REALTY COMPANY to a heay snowstorm. Speciavi Indian Agent Creel left here this morning for the Indian camp."

The posses are attempting the arrest of

GUNNER WHO BROKE THE WORLD'S RECORD-William Ruf, gun pointer aboard U. S. S. Texas, who is credited with eight consecutive hits with a fourteen-inch gun shooting at a moving target twelve miles away.



BATTLES CONTINUE WITH GRERT FURY

Ever-Increasing Intensity Marks Both Houses Busy on Appropri Fighting Between Teutons and Allies on Continent.

LONDON, Feb. 21 .- The battles on the continent continue with everinwhich the allies took early in the March t. week has brought about renewed activity all along the line, and attacks and counter attacks have become

gress at the outset of the offensive acted upon. "Billy" Kelley, who is asked to step operations, and this made it imperfrom a superintendent's job to a position ative for the Germans to deliver ative for the Germans to deliver priation for the Yuma irrigation project counter attacks to regain the ground in the sundry civil bill from \$725,000 to which they had lost.

Show Desperate Spirit.

operations to February 17, a French eyewitness claims for the French many minor successes and the repulse of German counter attacks.

Druggist is Dead so that the public is left to Judge as to the outcome of the week's flare-up

Beaten at Ossowetz.

The funeral will be held Tuesday from being fought along the Pruth river. Rethe residence at 2102 Maple street and a tirement to this position should be an equiem mass will be preached by Father advantage to the Russians, as it con-P. J. Judge at Sacred Heart church at siderably shortens their line and enables 9 o'clock. Interment will be at Holy reinforcements to reach them more

> Serba and Austriana Fight. The Serbians and Austrians are again facing each other across the Danube

and have in turn been bombarding Semlin and Belgrade, respectively, and the positions near those cities. This may try. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 21.-A mean the beginning of a new campaign. dispatch to the Herald-Republican from or perhaps it is an attempt by the Ser-

TO LOCATE IN BEE BUILDING

The Cassell Realty company will be lo-

CONGRESSMEN YOTE MANY MILLIONS

Bills of Huge Figures for Various Purposes.

CONFEDERATES CLAIM GAINS DIPLOMATIC ITEM IS CUT DOWN

WASHINGTON, Feb. IL-The mills of both houses of congress ground fast and creasing intensity. The offensive bills which must become law before

The senate, after adding \$1,000,000 to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill as it left the house, passed that measure, also the \$126,000,000 sundry civil bill, with amendment, and took up Both the British and the French the army appropriation bills Fourteen Compensation Act seemingly made considerable pro- other of the big supply bills are yet to be

Yumn Item, Adopted.

An amendment increasing the appro-Deschutes project in Oregon.

financial conference at San Francisco, to "extra hazardous" employment Governor ment ordering land owners to sow imbe called by the president, were cut out, Kendrick wil sign the bill despite the State department's endorse-

Not to Collect from Caba. \$6,000,000 spent in the pacification also was

The appropriation for participation in \$100,000 to \$35,000. The house also passed the military

academy bill, appropriating \$1,037,983, and

Bryan Sends Protest To Carranza Against Priests' Treatment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-Further rep-Consul Canada at Vera Cruz was in-

of the priests by a certain time, and when bians to help relieve the pressure on the it was not forthcoming told the foreigners among them, according to report, Cettinje has been again visited by an that they would be banished, while na-Bluff, at midnight last night. Joe Akers, Austrian aeropiane, which dropped tives would be held in captivity. It was a white man, and an indian were killed bombs, and according to the Montenegrin not known here how many of the 180 not known here how many of the 180 priests were Spaniards.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20,-A telegram from General Villa dated yesterday at point, stated that 33,000 of his troops had

U. S. SHIP MINED INTHENORTHSEA; **ALL ABOARD SAFE**

Explosive of Unidentified Nationality Sends American Steamer Evelyn to Bottom of North Sea.

Yankee Vessel with Cargo of Cotton Bound for Bremen Finds Ocean Grave.

LEFT NEW YORK JANUARY 29

BERLIN (Via London), Feb. 21. The American steamer Evelyn, which sailed from New York on January 29, with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck a mine off Borkum sland in the North Sea yesterday. The vessel sank. Its captain and stroved the Evelyn.

Brynn Henrs News.

tary Bryan announced the receipt of of New York, visited twenty-one Eurocan consul at Bremen reporting "the to personal inquiry into the subject. The loss" of the American steamer Evelyn. The cause not not stated. The reau's announcement says, is the uniform crew was saved.

American Consul Fee's telegram, as given out by the state department, was as follows:

"Steamer Evelyn, Captain Smith, agents Bull & Co., New York, blown | European police departments as a whole, up early Friday at Borkum. Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost."

Circus to Travel Overland Soon on

ular three-ring tented shows traveling on auto trucks instead of by wagons and railroad, will be an early result of enjoys the widest powers in dealing with Omaha's annual Auto Shows, the tenth his subordinates of which closed last night. H. Jenkins of the Loyal hotel, proprietor of concessions and announcer at the last four

iginator and promoter of the idea, he effective organization. says the incorporators will be:

long on the grist of appropriation show towns," Jenkins explains. "By using auto trucks, made up as regular circus wagons, we will combine the

Passed in Wyoming a year.

to reach towns not on railway lines."

-The workmen's compensation act, House \$934,000 was adopted by the senate, as was Bill 147, was passed by the senate of the the proposal to set aside \$450,000 for the Wyoming legislature Friday with but one dissenting vote. No amendment was tion. George Kieffner is also one of the In carrying these out the Germans In the house the diplomatic appropriation and in the senate and the measure goes of the In carrying these out the Germans In the house the diplomatic appropriation to the senate and the measure goes appeal issued to farmers Thursday by Charles F. Wille has also come up have shown the same desperate spirit than bill was passed after it had been cut to the governor in the form in the Austrian minister of agriculture. which has characterized their operations of \$30,000 for a passed the house. It provides for an in which he urged them not to leave a consulate building at Shanghai and \$50,000 initial appropriation by the state of \$30, single plot of ground anywhere uncultivated, was followed today by a per-American financiers at a Pan-American of the pay roll of al industries involving emptory decree by the Austrian govern-

will be affected by the bill, about \$,500 the decree to provide abor for this work A proposal to have the president take of them being coal miners. The bill calls and to recover from the sale of crops steps to recover from Cuba more than for the payment of \$1,050 to the widow in the expenditure incurred. Failure to and for an additional payment of \$60 per heavy tines or imprisonment. year to each child under the age of 16 Mrs. Dwyer had lived in Omaha forty from Petrograd, which says that the an exposition at Panama was cut from years until such child becomes 16 years INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE of age.

The amount which the law wil raise during the first year of its operation will be about \$200,000.

JOHN W. BREW. PIONEER OF OMAHA PASSES AWAY

resentations against the persecution by a blacksmith in the Union Pacific shops and that he made it good himself, and Carranza officials of priests in Mexico here and at Rawlins, Wyo. He has it required some little time for him to were made today by Secretary Bryan, spent the last ten years of his life in secure the necessary cash to replace the Florence, He was born in Scotland and money taken, structed to appeal directly to General learned his trade at Douglas in the Isle. He also testifid in regard to an alleged Carranga in behalf of the 180 priests ar- of Mann. He was an Odd Fellow from shortage of about 8600 in the office acrested by General Obregon in Mexico City. England. He is survived by a widow, count that this occurred from the send where they are detained in the national two sons, James Brew of Silver City. N. ing out of a certified copy on a telegraph palace. Some of them are reported to be M. John Brew of Putte, Mont., two order for which parties failed to remit. Spaniards and these, it is said, have been daughters, Mrs. John Tracy of St. Paul, but sent a draft which was protested. threatened with expulsion from the coun- Mrs. Gus Anderson of Miles City. Mont. and one stepson. James Spencer of Flor- BLOOMFIELD DEBATERS Carranga officials demanded 500,000 pesos, ence. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

ROSEBUD CONTINGENT

EUROPEAN POLICE

Not Asked to Compel Conformity with Moral Standards Not Approved by Public Opinion.

ROCKEFELLER BUREAU REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .-- A study of police problems in European cities under the auspices of the Bu-TWENTY-EIGHT MAKE ESCAPE reau of Social Hygiene, of which John D. Rockfeller, jr., is chairman, was issued here today in book form under the title "European police sys-

It is the third of a series issued by the bureau, the two former having dealt with prostitution in New York MINE SEARCHER GOES DOWN City and in Europe. A fourth volume, now in progress of preparation, will treat of police systems in to Sayville, L. I.)-The report of the America.

Explanation of Bureau. The Bureau of Social Hygiene, in annonneing the publication of the present work, stated that while the bureau is concerned with the problem of commer twenty-seven of the crew were saved, cialized vice, it was felt that intelligent It has not been learned of what suggestions concerning this problem could nationality was the mine which de- not be made without a thorough understanding of the European and the American police systems.

In collecting the data upon which the WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- Secre- book is based, Raymond B. Fostick, former communicationer of accounts of the city a telegram tonight from the Ameri- pean cities and devoted nearly two years bly a mine searcher vessel, touched most striking fact disclosed by his studies. from an American standpoint, the buintegrity of European policemen.

Corruption Unknown. General corruption and favoritism, is stated, are absolutely unknown. Summarizing the reasons for this inthe writer states

'First, the police are not called upor to compel conformity to moral standards been passed promptly by the British which do not meet with general public censors, there was no intimation in approval. They are not asked to enforce the London dispatches of the destruclaws which from the standpoint of accepted public habit or taxte are fundamentally unenforceable.

"Second, control is centered where re-New Auto Trucks aponeibility can be definitely fixed in a Irish coasting steamer Downshire single official. This official, thoroughly trained for his work and chosen with An automobile circus, consisting of reg- painstaking care, is clothed with independent authority. Secure in his position in the Irish sea. The Germans gave and free from external interference, he the crew five minutes in which to

Selected with Care. "Finally, the rank and file of the European police forces are selected and Auto Shows, announced last night time trained with the same care and attention such an auto circus would be incorporated shown in the case of their superior ofn Omaha within a week, and would ficers. Indeed, in all ranks and character open the season here the week of May 2 of the personnel is the essential constant In addition to Jenkins, who is the or- other basis to it possible to secure an Many Hurt, One Dying

H. D. Dann, 1911. Farnam street, retired showman and capitalist, formerly of the Dann-Robinson shows; H. J. Yelton of Omaha; J. B. Morris, formerly with Ringling Brothers, circus; H. J. Curran of Chicago, of the Class Journal company, auto publisher and advertiser, and Arthur L. Anderson, an Omaha rail-road man.

nent, and particularly in Germany and tally, four seriously and many suffered "The idea is to do away with the usual crown or the higher authorities rather tempted to effect the release of two

Must Serve in Army. English constables, he says, are from former army men, the writer says. Fairment, "a certain degree of indifference to the general public tends to develop." The average maximum wage of Euro-

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 21.—(Special.) Sow Spring Wheat, is Order to Austrians

VENICE (Via London), Feb. 21.-The mediately every available part of their About 15,000 persons employed in extra ground with spring wheat. Where neces-hazardous occupations, it is estimated, sary, local authorities are empowered by case of death from an industrial accident, comply with the edict is punishable by

LOOKS INTO DAKOTA FEES

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 21.-(Special Telegram.)—The general investigating committee has been putting in most of the Free Coupon last two days on the department of se retary of state examining Assistant Sec retary Nelson. His testimony was di-John W. Brew, who retired from the rected toward explaining why \$1,500 fees employ of the Union Pacific ten years due for November and December were ago after twenty-five years of service, not paid in until the latter part of Jandied at 4 o'clock Sunday morning at the uary, his explanation being that his desk age of 79 years. Mr. Brew was formerly was robbed of a large amount of mony

DEFEAT RANDOLPH TEAM

RANDOLPH, Neb., Feb. 21 .- (Special.)-Bloomfield High school defeated Ran-LOSE IN FIRST ROUND dolph in the preliminary interscholastic debate of the question of "Government PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 21.-(Spec'al Tele- Ownership of Railroads." The teams were gram.)-The first skirmish in the senate both composed of girls. Bloomfield supover the location of a new normal school porting the affirmative. The team repre-Scapotian, between Guadalajara, metrop- at Bonesteel was a defeat for the Bose- scuting Bloomfield was: Misses Alice High, olis of the west coast, and Mansanillo, a bind contingent. But the matter is up for Amelia Hamel and Laura Crahan; for Pacific port, which is Villa's objective a reconsideration at the session Tuesday Randolph, Mildred Bacon, Mable Smith a reconsideration at the session Tuesday Randolph, Mildred Bacon, Mable Smith Tae-Na-Gat, an Indian outlaw who with cated at No. 522 The Bee building after defeated in the mountains near Sayuia, a boosters from the southern part of the Prof. A. Softley, Fremont; Superintendent about 100 other Indians are entrenched March 1, according to announcement Carrama force, which he estimated at state to get a state institution in that made restorday.

| H. S. Robinson, Laurel, and Superintendent in the state of the state

BERLIN REPORTS ARE ON THE LEVEL BRITONTRANSPORT AND TROOPS LOST

Papers of German Capital Feature Destruction of Vessels Carrying Soldiers to Continent.

NOT YET TOLD OF BY LONDON

Accompanying Craft Sunk and Irisk. Steamer Torpedoed by Teuton Submarine.

BERLIN, Feb. 21 .- (By Wireless sinking of a British transport, with troops and accompanying steamer, reached Berlin too late for comment

by the morning papers. All of the papers, however, feature the report in first page headlines, together with reports of the sinking of other vessels by submarines or mines.

British Ship Sunk. An announcement issued today at

the war office reads as follows: "Nieuport, an enemy ship, probaa mine and sank. Destroyers of the enemy disappeared when shelled."

News Withheld.

If, as is indicated by the foregoing, a British transport has been sunk, the news probably has been withheld tegrity and for the efficiency of the in London. Although acounts of the sinking of various other steamers by German submarines or by mines have

tion of a transport. Irisk Bont Torpedoed. LONDON, Feb. 21 .- The small was sunk last night by a German submarine off Calf of Man, an island leave their ship. The crew landed last night at Dundrum, County Down.

Sheriff and Deputies Fight with Strikers;

Contrasting the British and the conti- FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 21-In a fight between a party of deputy sheriffs led by "In England, the police are civil em- Sheriff C. D. Conaway of Marion county ployes, whose primary duty is the preser- and striking miners at Farmington late vation of public security; on the conti- today one man was injured probably fa-

of the ruling classes, responsible to the The trouble started when miners atminers who had been arrested on felony charges.

The miners drove the sheriff's party chosen from private life, whereas the into a store, but fled to the hills when usual circus wagon and railroad coach continental police must first serve in the twenty-five special deputies reached methods of transportation, and be able army. Where the police force is recruited Farmington in a special trolley car from

Constable Wriggs of the sheriff's party is in a critical condition. The seriously pean policemen, it is stated, is only \$464 and a miner. injured are Sheriff Conaway, two deputies One thousand miners employed in three mines of the Jamison Coal company

walked out yesterday because they alleged

the company had put into force a new

wage scale which reduced their pay. CAN'T SERVE TWO MASTERS. TELLS WOULDBE CITIZENS

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 .- "No man can serve two masters," declared Judge Clarence N. Goodwin of the superior court when addressing fifty-five foreigners seeking their final naturalization napers. "You are to have no other allegiance than that to the United States, and no mental reservation when you take the oath of loyalty. The United States wants no citizens with divided allegiance. Unless you have come with a heart and mind single in devotion to the United States you have not come in good faith." Most of the candidates for citizenship were natives of Germany, Russia and

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