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OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1915.

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## LA TOURAINE FIRE MASTERED; CRAFT ON WAY TO PORT

Blaze is Confined to One of Compartments of Hold and the Vessel is Proceeding to Port.  
ROTTERDAM ACTS AS ESCORT  
Fire Mastered, Passengers and Crew All Right and Steamer Moves by Own Power.  
WILL REACH HAVRE TONIGHT

PARIS, March 7.—The fire aboard the steamer La Touraine has been mastered, and all aboard are safe according to announcement by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique at noon today. The fire is confined in one of the compartments of the hold. La Touraine proceeding to Havre under its own steam, and escorted by the steamship Rotterdam and is expected to arrive there tomorrow night.

Escorted by Rotterdam.  
LONDON, March 7.—The French line steamer La Touraine is being escorted to port by the Rotterdam, which has been standing by to give whatever aid was needed, and no further assistance is required, according to a wireless dispatch to Liverpool at Queenstown. The message gave no details, and did not state what port La Touraine would make with its convoy.

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A record of Steeves' services in the army received today from the War department at Washington corroborated his statements regarding his whereabouts during 1909 and 1910.

A telegram giving the results of the local examination and asking for further instructions was sent to the warden of the Leavenworth prison.

## Aument Kills Self; Writes to Miller

"I am quitting tonight; I want to say goodbye to you," said Harry A. Aument of New York, former manager of the United Typewriter and Supply company in Omaha, in a letter received by W. V. Miller of the Remington Typewriter company, an old friend, several days ago.

Thinking that the statement read strangely, Mr. Miller wrote to New York for information concerning Mr. Aument and from a reply received yesterday learned that Mr. Aument committed suicide the same night he wrote the letter.

## WOULD MAKE MILITIA SERVICE COMPULSORY

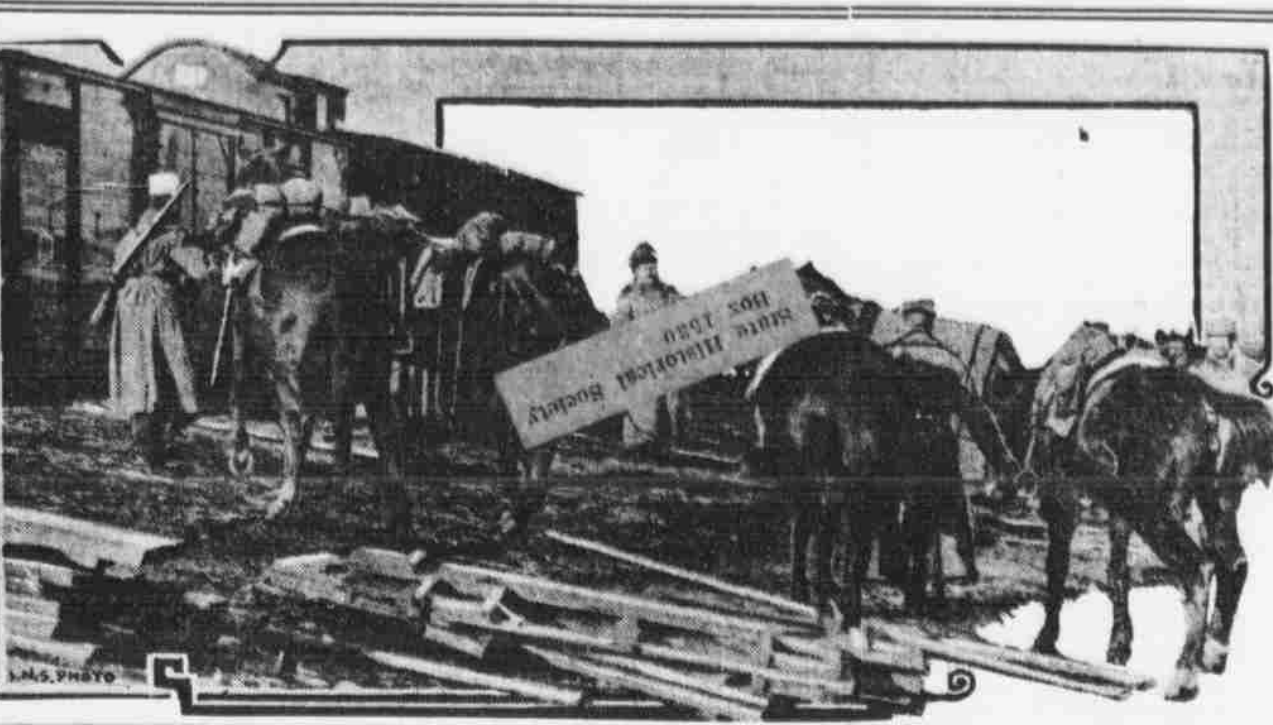
BOSTON, Mass., March 7.—State Adjutant General Charles S. Cole in his annual report, made public tonight, recommended that militia service be made compulsory and that the federal government instead of the states should raise and equip the troops.

"It is contended by all persons," said the report, "that the nation is in a state of unpreparedness in case of an attack by a first, or even a second-class, power. A federalized militia would be the proper system and would provide an efficient army of citizen soldiers."

## The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	22
6 a. m.	22
7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	22
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	22
11 a. m.	22
12 m.	22
1 p. m.	22
2 p. m.	22
3 p. m.	22
4 p. m.	22
5 p. m.	22
6 p. m.	22
7 p. m.	22
8 p. m.	22
9 p. m.	22
10 p. m.	22
11 p. m.	22
Comparative Record.	
1915 1914 1913 1912	
Highest yesterday	29 37 50 31
Lowest yesterday	22 26 34 23
Mean temperature	26 32 46 37
Precipitation	T. .00 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.	
Normal temperature	31
Deficiency for the day	9
Total deficiency March	20
Normal precipitation	3.0
Deficiency for the day	.04
Total rainfall since March	1.37
Excess since March	1.63
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	.27
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	.27
T indicates trace.	
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.	

## WITH THE WAR ON THE EAST FRONT—Germans loading cavalry at Lodz, preparatory to their advance on Warsaw.



## ASSERTS RAILROADS "UNDER WEATHER"

Frisco Receiver Declares State Commissions Have Been Reducing Rates as Punishment.

## INNOCENT ARE SUFFERERS

CHICAGO, March 7.—James W. Lusk, one of the receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, testified today in the Interstate Commerce commission's hearing of the application of forty-one western railroads for increased freight rates. He said that one reason why railroads were not earning sufficiently was because various state commissions had reduced their rates "as punishment."

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## Goethals Will Leave Isthmus Within Year

PANAMA, March 7.—Major General G. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, in a speech tonight at the annual banquet of the Society of the Chagres, announced his probable retirement as governor within a year. He said that he had requested that he be retired in favor of a younger man and that his request undoubtedly would be granted.

## ATTEMPT TO ARREST MAN IS FATAL TO POLICEMEN

WILMINGTON, Del., March 7.—In a running fight with a man whom they attempted to arrest on suspicion that he was a bank robber, Frank Tierney, a policeman, was killed, and another policeman was mortally wounded and two others injured severely here today. The officers had pursued the man several blocks when he took refuge in a barn and met his pursuers with a fusillade of bullets. The desperado, with a companion, was arrested. He gave his name as Frank Malbo, his age as 22 and said he was from Baltimore.

## McPhersons Will Move to Maryland

T. B. McPherson and wife and daughter, Misses Louise and Margaret McPherson, have made plans to remove to an old family estate near Frederick, Md., it was announced yesterday.

## MERCHANTS MARKET WEEK OPENS TODAY

Wholesalers and Manufacturers All Prepared to Entertain Their Business Visitors.

## EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE

Merchants' Market Week opens today. Wholesalers and manufacturers in Omaha say they never had so many favorable replies to the invitations sent out as they have had this year, and that they therefore look for the largest attendance the merchants' market week has ever seen in Omaha.

## Intruding Negro Shot by Owner of Victoria Hotel

Awakening early Sunday morning to find a negro bending over her bed, Nellie Dodge, chambermaid at the Victoria hotel, 1308 Dodge street, screamed for help and then fainted.

## Five Million Raise in Discounts and Loans By Federal Reserve

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Loans and discounts by Federal reserve banks for the last week increased nearly \$5,000,000.

## OMAHA MUNICIPAL COURT BILL MOVED ON NOTCH

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, March 7.—(Special.)—The senate committee of the whole this morning recommended for passage house bill No. 54, which gives Omaha a municipal court. The Douglas county delegation was solidly behind the bill.

## OVER HALF MILLION IN HOSPITALS OF FRANCE

GLOUCESTER, Mass., March 7.—A letter received here today from A. P. Platt, Andrew, former secretary of the treasury, who is doing hospital and ambulance work at Dunkirk, France, says that there are now 600,000 wounded in the hospitals in that country.

## Man Found Dead at Pacific Junction

WENWOOD, Ia., March 7.—(Special.)—Martina Savoyka, a Mexican extra laborer, was found dead in the railroad yards at Pacific Junction at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Savoyka was 22 years old, and had been employed at Pacific Junction about three months.

## DUAL CROWN HOSTS ARE IN FULL FLIGHT

Army of Archduke Joseph Fleeing Before Russ, Leaving Guns and Baggage Behind Them.

## DEFEATED ON GALICIAN SOIL

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## TURKS THREATEN MASSACRE UNLESS GREEKS KEEP OUT

Porte's Minister Says There Will Be Butcheries if Athens Government Breaks with Porte.

## KING ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

Constantine Requests Premier to Form a New Ministry After Cabinet Resigns.

## CONSULTATION IS ASKED FOR

PARIS, March 7.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Athens says: "King Constantine has accepted the resignation of Premier Venizelos and his cabinet, and has requested M. Zaimis, governor of the National bank to form a ministry. M. Zaimis asked the king to give him until tomorrow to consult with his friends."

## ATTACK ALONG RIDGES

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