WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Generally fair; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Brutality to an animal is cruelty to mankind—it is only the difference in the victim.—Lamartine.

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Prosperity Real Factor in Campaign

Real Prices for Farm Products Take Strength Out of La Follette Fight for Nebraska.

Switch to Coolidge Now

By W. M. MAUPIN.

The dawn of a new prosperity that has come to Nebraska will be the determining factor in the voting for president and for governor. This is the outstanding fact in the political situation as we view it now, eight days before election.

Another determining factor is the better understanding of the working of the Dawes plan for the rehabilitation of Europe, and particularly the revival of conditions in Germany, as pointed out by Alanson B. Houghton, United States ambassador to Berlin, during his address in Omaha last week. Mr. Houghton explained the desire of the German people for the success of the Dawes plan. He explained the determining part taken in this work by President Coolidge. He outlined the hopelessness that would return to Germany in the event there should be an inteterminate election in the United States. He pictured the consequence should the selection of the new president be thrown into congress, where there would be so much doubt and delay as to put in danger the entire plan for the restoration of sound economic conditions in Europe.

The strength of the Dawes plan appeal is stronger for the reason that Mr. Dawes himself has been modest with respect to it. Contrary to the usual appeal of a politician bragging about his "record," Dawes has taken the attitude of a business man, that "the record speaks for itself." Houghton, in his address, explained the operations of the Dawes plan from the "viewpoint of the German people." He told his hearers how much depended upon the support of President Coolidge in this respect and said that if Coolidge was not given the backing of all those who hope for better things in Europe, the German people, now struggling to their feet under the dawn of returning better times, would "be pushed back into the pit," with the probability that there would be chaos in Europe and the decline of the whole of that continent to the condition of red Russia.

Ready Money Now.

Thus it is that Nebraska will vote with its hopes, when it casts its ballots for president and for governor. The hope that has come with the dawn of a new prosperity in Nebraska and the middle west and the hope that has come to Europe with the dawn of better times in Germany.

The new prosperity that is dawning for all the people of Nebraska is a real prosperity. The prices of all farm products have been going up. Business in the cities and towns is reflecting the better conditions. It is estimated that the rise in the price of wheat and corn alone will give to Nebraska farmers an increase of more than $100,000,000.

Best of all, the new and higher prices have enabled the farmers to get ready money with the sale of only a portion of their crops. There are millions of bushels of wheat still on the farms. Much of this has been threshed and is being held for still higher prices. Much of it, however, has not yet been threshed. All of this is proof of the fact that the pressure upon the farmers for immediate cash has been met and with only a portion of the crop.

The corn crop in Nebraska, which will bring the highest price in years, has not yet been gathered. If the farmers can hold onto a considerable part of their wheat crop, it is certain they will be able to use good business management in selling their corn. It will be sold direct, if that promises the best return. It will be "sold on the hoof," if that seems to be best. It would appear at this time that there will be much feeding on the farms of Nebraska this fall and winter.

Change From La Follette.

As the farmers are looking forward to improved conditions they are falling away from the hip, hip hooray politics. In the early part of the campaign La Follette looked to many as a channel through which to register a protest. The need for registering a protest is past and La Follette has taken on the aspect of a cheer leader. The farmers of Nebraska are too practical to cast their votes merely for a cheer leader.

The depression through which Nebraska is now emerging, brought on by the democratic program, hatched in 1919, for defiating us, was a painfully practical proposition. The only answer to the practical days of deflation is a return to the practical days of prosperity. Between these two practical propositions cheer leader politics is interesting, but it seems certain that support is falling away from it.

Whatever may have been the outlook 90 days ago, and candor compels the statement that it looked like La Follette then, it is easy to sense the changed sentiment if one makes even cursory investigation. To sit in the office of a campaign committee and receive reports that the investigators know you want to hear, is one thing; to get out and meet thousands of

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Senators Asked to Express Their Stand on League

Canvass Shows 11 Republicans and 19 Democrats Favor American Membership in World Court at All Odds.

New York, Oct. 26.—The League of Nations Nonpartisan association accounted today that the results of a recently conducted canvass of United States senators indicated that "only 11 republican senators could be counted upon to support their party's platform favoring American membership in the world court."

They were listed as Senators McLean of Connecticut, Edge of New Jersey, McKinley of Illinois, Cummins of Iowa, Capper of Kansas, Hale of Maine, Couzens of Michigan, Willis of Ohio, Stanfield of Oregon, Elkins of West Virginia and Warren of Wyoming.

Senator Frazier of North Dakota was reported by the association to have replied that he "will not vote for it (American membership in the world court) as now advocated."

Two indexed as supporters of the Pepper plan were Senators Pepper and Reed of Pennsylvania.

The replies of nine other republican senators were characterized as noncommittal, while the remaining 25 "did not answer" the letter of inquiry, through which means the association's canvass was conducted.

Contrasting the attitude of republican senators with that of democratic, the report chronicles that "all the 19 democratic senators who replied to the inquiry answered in the affirmative." Of 24 of those who failed to reply, three were stated to have been seriously ill and two were in Europe.

Colby Makes Canvass.

The list of 19 included Senators Underwood of Alabama, Caraway of Arkansas, Bayard of Delaware, Fletcher of Florida, Ralston of Indiana, Ransdell of Louisiana, Bruce of Maryland, Walsh of Massachusetts, Ferris of Michigan, Walsh of Montana, Jones of New Mexico, Smith and Dial of South Carolina, Mayfield and Sheppard of Texas, King of Utah, Swanson and Glass of Virginia and Kendrick of Wyoming.

Everett Colby, chairman of the association, undertook the canvass a month ago. According to his report, he wrote to republican senators, asking, in part, "whether you will vote at the coming session of congress for American membership in the world court, in accordance with the pledge contained in the republican platform adopted at the Cleveland convention."

Among the replies classed as "noncommittal" was that of Senator Smoot of Utah. It was quoted by Colby as follows:

"I am inclined to support the American membership in the world court, but before pledging myself to do so, I shall want to know all the details of the terms. I was in full accord with the Cleveland platform."

Senator Jones of Washington wrote:

"I have a strong inclination now to vote for the world court proposal in some form but I hold myself free to do what I deem wisest and best when the time for action comes."

Borah Says Not Bound.

Senator Borah of Idaho was reported by Colby to have written that he did not feel "in any sense bound by a general declaration in a platform," and adding "I will state, however, that I am in favor of the establishment of an international judicial tribunal and it must be absolutely free and independent of control of international political organizations."

Senator Elkins wrote that he was "in favor of the United States becoming a member of the world court provided its interests are properly protected." He was listed as one who could be counted on to support the republican platform's pledge covering the world court, as was Senator Couzens, who wrote that he would vote for American membership in the court "if I am elected at the November election and if the plan is put up to congress as we understand it."

In his canvass, Colby wrote democratic senators to inquire whether they, in the next congress, would vote "for the American membership in the world court, in accordance with the commitment made on behalf of the party in the acceptance speech of John W. Davis."

Senator Underwood replied in the affirmative, Mr. Colby reported, and added that "when the treaty of Versailles was before the senate I moved for its unconditional ratification and have not changed my position in regard to that matter."

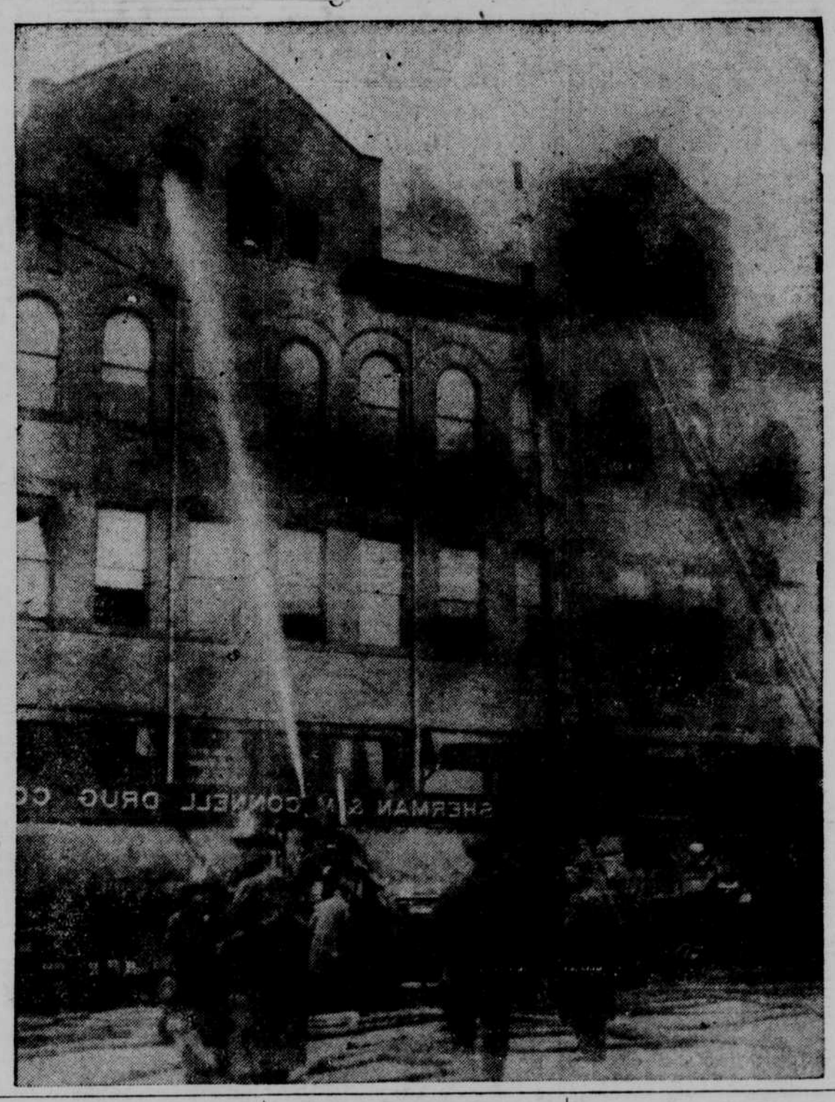
Senator Glass wrote, according to Mr. Colby, that he should be glad to vote for the entrance of the United States into the world court "provided the proposal made by the late President Harding is not emasculated by those senators who are antagonistic to the league of nations."

MAN AND WIFE DIE IN CAR ACCIDENT

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mabary of Missoula, Mont., were instantly killed near here when the automobile in which they were riding overturned when a tire blew out.

Mabary has been employed by the Northern Pacific railway in Missoula for more than 30 years.

Fire To[illegible]ht Blaze in Downtown Building



Bandit Shoots as Grocer Throws Up Hands in Holdup

C. H. Mallinson Reported Resting Easily—Bullet Tears Gapping Hole in Chest of Victim.

Charles H. Mallinson, grocer, who was shot and critically wounded by a bandit Saturday night, was reported resting easily at Lord Lister hospital Sunday.

The gaping hole which was torn in Mallinson's chest by the bandit's bullet still remained a cause for worry to the physician who is caring for him.

No trace of the bandit, or bandits, implicated in the robbery and shooting of the grocer has been found. The descriptions of the man given to police are conflicting.

Mallinson was alone in the store at 202 North Seventeenth street, which he has operated for 20 years, when the bandit entered, he told police. The man ordered Mallinson to throw up his hands and Mallinson started to comply with the order. Before he could get his arms from his sides the bandit fired.

The bullet struck Mallinson in the chest, tore a gapping hole through his body and struck the wall behind him. On its course through his body it tore away part of one lung.

Mallinson stood where he was, his hands above his head. The bandit, with no further look at his victim, went to the cash register and began to loot it. He obtained $30.

Unable to bear the pain of his wound longer, Mallinson walked from the store and entered the Hotel Flomar lobby. He called to the night clerk, asking him to call police, then returned to his store.

The bandit rushed from the building as Mallinson returned, ran north on Seventeenth street to Davenport street and then turned west.

Mallinson said that the bandit wore a blue suit.

William Fishwood, on his way home at the time, saw the man escape and told police that the bandit was dressed in a light gray suit.

The police are working on the theory that there were two bandits, one who entered the store and one who remained outside as lookout.

OLD BURIED CITY FOUND IN NEVADA

Reno, Nev., Oct. 26.—Ruins of a buried city, six miles in extent, have been uncovered by an exploration party headed by Governor James G. Scrugham, the governor announced today in a telegram from Beatty, Nev., where the exploration work is being carried out.

Many rock writings, thousands of fragments of pottery and other prehistoric articles have been found, the governor reported.

The city lies along the Virgin river in the southern part of the state.

Mrs. Ricdard S. Hall Dies After Four Months' Illness

Mrs. Richard S. Hall, widow of Richard S. Hall, prominent Omaha attorney who died several years ago, died Sunday noon at her home in the St. Regis apartments after an illness of four months.

Mrs. Hall was born in Nebraska City, June 27, 1863. She was the daughter of Jasper Anderson Ware and Ellen Kinney and was educated at Brownell Hall, Omaha, graduating in 1883. She was married at "Wildwood," the family home in Nebraska City, June 25, 1885. She was an active member of Trinity cathedral, of which her husband was vestryman for a number of years.

Mrs. Hall is survived by two sons, Richard Ware and Jasper Landon, both of Omaha, and by two daughters, Miss Dorothy of Omaha and Mrs. Edward Ayorigg of Norfolk, Neb. Her mother is still living in Nebraska City as are two sisters, Mrs. Martin Schmauss and Miss Grace Louise Ware. A brother, Norton Ware, lives at Gridley, Cal.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 at the home of her son, Richard, 313 South Fifty-first street, Bishop George A. Beecher, assisted by Dean Stephen McGinley of Trinity cathedral, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

EAMONN DE VALERA ARRESTED AGAIN

By Associated Press.

Londonderry, Ireland, Oct. 26.—Eamonn De Valera was arrested tonight outside St. Columb's hall, where he intended to deliver a speech.

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When all hope of the coming of De Valera appeared to have been abandoned, a slim figure was observed approaching the side door of St. Columbs hall. It proved to be the republican leader, and a police officer immediately put him under arrest and transferred him in a motor car to the Victoria police barracks almost before anybody in or outside the hall realized that De Valera was again a prisoner.

De Valera came to the hall without disguise, although he had discarded his eyeglasses. He offered no resistance.

FORGETS WIFE; GOES TO JAIL

Berlin, Oct. 25.—"I forgot I had a wife."

That honestly made excuse was make by Fritz Salwizek in a Berlin court today when arraigned on a charge of bigamy. He said he had been married just before leaving for war in 1914, had been shell shocked, and was suffering with forgetfulness ever since and that his marriage slipped his mind.

Even though Fritz has no wife now, the first having obtained a divorce and the second annulment, he was sentenced to a year in prison.

Posse Finds Bank Robber Asleep on Straw in Field

Man, Convicted of Crime, Escaped From Nelson Jail One Week Ago—Last Loot Found.

Nelson, Neb., Oct. 26.—Herbert F. Holmes, 21, who broke jail here, was back in custody this evening, exactly one week after his leave taking. He had robbed the State bank at Nora early this morning and was found at 4 o'clock this afternoon in a straw stack a mile and a quarter northwest of that place.

A posse of 75 citizens and the sheriff was organized at 1 o'clock to make a roundup of the neighborhood. After a three hours' hunt the robber was seen ahead of the party lying asleep in a straw stack. Sheriff Woods, County Attorney Brubaker, Isham and Wallace Manion advanced to the stack and Woods leaped upon the man. He had with him the loot he had stolen at various places during the last week, including a .38 caliber rifle and an abundance of ammunition.

Holmes had been at Fairbury, Belleville, Gilead and intermediate points, and committed a robbery of some sort every night the last week. He came from Gilead to within four miles east of Nora yesterday in a Ford he had stolen from Grant Wing at Gilead. The car was abandoned and he walked to town.

He drilled a hole into the vault of the State bank and left with what small change he could find at 5 this morning, amounting to about $12. Holmes had robbed the Bostwick bank some time ago and was sentenced to the penitentiary at the last term of court.

DOCTOR KILLS 3, ENDS OWN LIFE

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26.—After killing his wife and two other members of her family, Dr. Curtis Johnson, practicing physician of Meltonville, Ala., 15 miles from here, ended his own life. He had been separated from his wife and officials blame domestic troubles for the tragedy.

The dead besides Dr. Johnson are:
Mrs. Curtis Johnson, his wife.
A. O. Caston, his father-in-law.
Miss Jessie Caston, his sister-in-law.
Mrs. A. O. Caston, his mother-in-law, also shot and dangerously wounded.

IOWA MAN HELD BY CHICAGO POLICE

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Four men, one of whom said he was Lee J. Simson, a bank cashier of Taft, Cal., on a vacation, were arrested here by the police as suspected bootleggers and robbers. The others under arrest are Victor Hughey and Clefton McClinton of Waterloo, Ia., and Thomas Ferguson of Cedar Falls, Ia.

Wu Marches With Army on Pekin

Dpeosed Marshal Collects Heavy Forces to Drive Out Feng, Who Seized Capital Last Week.

Japanese Troops Land

By Associated Press.

Tientsin, Oct. 26.—Wu Pei-Fu, the deposed marshal of the Pekin government armies, is marching on the capital with heavy forces to drive out his former subordinate, Feng Yu-Hsiang, who seized the city last Thursday and forced from office President Tsao Kun, after compelling the executive to sign a mandate ordering cessation of hostilities with Manchuria.

General Wu, reaching Tientsin this morning from the Manchurian border, where part of his army still is holding the front against the invasion of Chang Tso-Lin, left immediately for Langfang, half way between Tientsin and Pekin. He was preceded and followed by his troop trains.

Strong reinforcements are believed to be coming up the Wukow railway to join him. Shensi province troops, which came down from Pekin to Langfang Saturday, withdrew toward Pekin on the arrival of Chihli soldiers under Wu.

Wu Unruffled.

Wu looked well and unruffled and expected to make a fight between Pekin and Tientsin.

He had left Chinwangtao, on the Manchurian border, last evening and he arrived in Tientsin in a train of 38 cars packed with troops. When the train stopped it immediately was surrounded by soldiers. Guards kept Japanese away and treated them rudely, but showed no hostility to British and Americans. After a short halt the erain proceeded in the direction of Langfang.

Foreigners who talked to the ousted field marshal, said he received calmly the news of Feng Yu-Hsiang's coup and remarked that it merely was what he had expected and would mean more work.

Yesterday Wu sent a long telegram to the Dutch minister at Pekin, denouncing Feng, who is known as the "Christian general." Wu objected to Feng's "abuse of authority," and charged that Feng frequently had betrayed his trust, notably when he participated in ousting Li Yuan-Hung from the presidency 16 months ago.

Wu added: "I have this day at Chingwantao received special instructions from the president, giving me full power and authority to take whatever steps I consider necessary to cope with the situation, and I am going direct to Tientsin with a big army to re-establish peace and order."

He promised that he soon would have 100,000 men available "to rid the country of this ingrate." He gave assurance that every protection would be afforded foreigners when he arrives in Pekin.

Wu left Chang Fu-Lai, the tuchun of Honan province, in charge of the Manchurian front. He inspected the lines and made some alterations in commands.

Two companies of Japanese troops landed at Chinwangtao yesterday and two Japanese destroyers reached Tientsin.

DAVIS OR TIEUP, BRYAN PREDICTS

New York, Oct. 26.—Telegraphing from Terre Haute, Charles W. Bryan, democratic nominee for vice president, today informed Clem L. Shaver, democratic national committee chairman, that John W. Davis either would be elected November 4 or the election would be thrown into the house.

"There can be no question that either Davis will be elected or that the election will be thrown into the house with the resultant delay, uncertainty, chaos and widespread unrest and disturbance to business," Bryan said. "The voters must be urged to follow the only wise and safe course and make the election of Davis certain by electing him on November 4.

"I have had good meetings in Illinois and Ohio and find that the unrest among the farmers and wage earners due to their distrust of the administration at Washington, is very great."

LUTHERANS PLAN IMMIGRANT AID

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Plans to extend financial aid and assistance in finding homesteads in the western states of America and Canada for 100,000 immigrants of the Lutheran faith, were discussed at the biennial convention of the Lutheran church, in session here, it was announced today.

Immigrants from Germany and the Scandinavian countries will be welcomed in the west and in Canada, according to speakers before the convention. It is estimated 100,000 Lutherans will come to North America during the last half of this year.

Most of the Lutheran immigrants are farmers and stockraisers, especially desirable as settlers in western America, it was said.

A Democratic Jabberwok

The campaign fund raised by the republican party for expenses in Nebraska amounts to about 16 cents each for the approximately 400,000 voters in the state. This 16 cents per vote is used for advertising in the newspapers throughout the state; democratic, republican and La Follette newspapers—for traveling expenses of a score of speakers, hall rent, cost of radio broadcasting, printing, postage and clerk hire.

The perturbation of the democrats over the situation is fittingly described in the "Democratic Gabberwok," or nonsense rhyme, written by a member of the editorial staff of The Omaha Bee.

By SANFORD JARRELL.

Mordant, puissant, efflorescent,
Mounts the high wind upon a sunlit sky;
Crashing—beating—screaming
Like one whose inner thoughts are frought with irony.
The democratic hokum peeler,
His shimmering, quivering consciousness
As quiescent as a billowing brow,
Blows forth a mighty blast
From a trumpet that is made of sheet-iron
Gilded with spotted brass.

"Hear ye! Hear ye!" bellows the trumpeter,
Whose eyes are red from weeping, and whose nose
Is bulbous as a dahlia in full bloom.
"Come within earshot all ye faithful,
And listen to a tale
Of the gigantic slush fund by which our ancient foes
Hope to reign triumphant in Nebraska.
They toss to the four winds and the ninety prairies
The product of the mint; at their disposal
Is the ransom of an emperor.
Sixty-five thousand silver dollars,
Divided among a hundred noble counties,
To glut the electorate.

"Oh, 'tis awful, 'tis awful," he continues,
With tears streaming down a mug furrowed with care
And worry over fate of the democracy.
"Horrific it is, I trow, and we must fight
This raging dragon that is in our midst.
Republican workers will not turn a hand
For their silent chieftain in the nation's White House
Unless their palms are greased.
Their greedy wiles are far less subtle
Than winter winds whose sharp intransigence
Corrodes and adheres.

"Think what a blow will be delivered
Unto posterity if we, my friends, do not prevent
This scandalous waste of filthy lucre.
Arthur Mullen of the silver tongue
And readier wit, never indulging in blah-blah,
Has pointed out this menace.
My head is bowed with grief, my feet
Grip nervously this Proctor & Gamble soapbox.
My heart is leaden, but my soul's afire
As one whose psychic sepulchral sphere
Had been uplifted spiritually.

"Hence my plea to you who rally 'neath the standard
Of the earl of Clarksburg and the younger Bryan.
We democrats, to quote the poet,
Are victims of economy, the sickly child of poverty.
So spread the word that in the enemy camp
Slush is the keynote; mayhap our efforts
Will throw more votes to Bob, and thus insuring
A back-door victory for the goodly man
Who wears a skull-cap. Go, my friends,
And be of good cheer; be as the silent moth
Whose—which, yet what—beginnings
Were of so intense a gossamer."

GORE TO ASSUME WALLACE'S DUTIES

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Howard M. Gore, assistant secretary of agriculture, returned to Washington today to assume the duties of acting secretary as a result of the death of Secretary Wallace.

In the absence of Gore, President Coolidge had appointed Charles F. Marvin, chief of the weather bureau, acting secretary. Gore is republican nominee for governor of West Virginia, but he announced today that he had cancelled the remaining engagements of his campaign and would devote his attention meanwhile to the department.

Gore will go to Des Moines Wednesday for the funeral of Wallace.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. October 26.

Temperature—7 a. m., dry bulb, 43; wet bulb, 38; noon, druh bulb, 66; wet bulb, 49; 7 p. m., dry bulb, 61; wet bulb, 48; highest, 69; lowest, 43; mean, 56; normal, 48; total deficiency since January 1, 374.

Relative Humidity, Percentage—7 a. m., 60; noon, 26; 7 p. m., 27.

Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths—Total, none; total since January 1, 25.0; deficiency, 3.31.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	46	1 p. m.	66
6 a. m.	44	2 p. m.	67
7 a. m.	43	3 p. m.	69
8 a. m.	43	4 p. m.	68
9 a. m.	46	5 p. m.	66
10 a. m.	52	6 p. m.	63
11 a. m.	61	7 p. m.	61
12 noon	66		

Three Hurt as Pumper Strikes Car

One Overcome in Rush of Occupants of Structure to Safety—Two Floors Gutted.

Loss May Total 200,000

Fire swirling around the elevator shaft and mushrooming over the fourth floor gutted the two top floors of the four-story Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, late Sunday afternoon. For an hour and a half fire companies brought to the scene by a "three alarm" fought the stubborn blaze in the roof and walls of the fourth floor. At 5:40 firemen were withdrawn from the building and the fire oxcially declared out. By that time thousands, attracted by the clouds of black smoke that poured from the roof of the building, were pressing against fire liens drawn on Farnam and Douglas streets.

Offices of the Osato studio, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Omaha Testing Laboratories were completely wiped out, while equipment of the Jewish Community Center on the third floor was damaged beyond repair by water. Other occupants of the building on the two lower floors will suffer heavily from water damage.

No. 7 pumper, from the Thirty-sixth and Jackson streets station, while racing to the fire, collided with a car driven by C. R. Edwards, 1487 Emmet street, at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. Edwards suffered lacerations of the scalp, the left elbow and left hip. Fireman Harry Hodgden was thrown from the truck, and, after sumersaulting through the air, landed on his back on the pavement. He was bruised. Fireman Frank Slizeski aws thrown to the pavement and cut about the face.

Building May Be Razed.

Spectators of the accident said the fire truck was driven onto the pavement in a vain effort to dodge Edwards, who neither saw nor heard the truck until it was almost on him.

Albert Kaplan, 2215 Lake street, who was attending a meeting at the Jewish Community Center, collapsed at the cry of fire and the subsequent rush for safety, and was taken to a hospital. Friends of Kaplan said he has been in ill health for some time. His condition is not serious.

Newman Benson, president of Benson & Garrett, agent for Dr. Harold Gifford ,owner of the building, estimated the loss at between $150,000 and $200,000, and expressed the belief that it would be necessary to raze the structure immediately. He placed the value of the building at $200,000 and said it was adequately insured.

"If it is as badly damaged as I now believe, we will have to start pulling it down at once," Benson said. "It is thoroughly watersoaked and I think damaged beyond repair."

He could not state what type of structure would replace the building if it is torn down, and laughed when told of a rumor that the Orpheum theater might lease the site for construction of a new playhouse.

"I'm sure I can't say," he declared, "but it will make a fine site for someone."

Occupants of the building are:
National Cash Register company.
La Follette headquarters.
Benson & Garrett.
Schaefer Bros., tailors.
Osato studio.
Belle Hatch, milliner.
Grace Abbott.
Dorothy DeVere, dancing studio.
Sherman-McConnell Drug company.
Omaha Testing Laboratories.
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Jewish Community Center.
Joseph B. Litkowski, musician.
Dr. S. S. Stewart, barber shop.

Forty girls were attending Bible class in the Jewish Community Center and between 75 and 100 were attending a meeting of the community center in another room, while members of Aleph Zadik Aleph were also meeting when the fire broke out. Girls in the Bible class were the first to discover the blaze and rushed downstairs crying "fire."

It was the first intimation that attendants at the community center had of danger. They hurried for the stairs and, as they did so, red hot pieces of electric cable were dropping down the elevator shaft and throwing out a shower of sparks as they crashed on the elevator cage below.

By that time several fire companies had arrived on the scene and the men stumbled dow over lines of hose to safety. Sol Rosenberg, partially blind secretary of the Omaha Hebrew association, was, with difficulty, led from the building.

"It seemed like there was an explosion every few seconds and then red hot cable would fly past us," said Irvin Stalmaster, deputy county attorney, in describing the mad rush downstairs.

The story of these men has led to the belief that defective wiring caused the blaze, although Benson declared that the wiring was inspected only a few weeks ago. The fire started in the room of the janitor of the building which is located on the fourth floor near the elevator shaft.

The Lyric building was erected in 1905 by the Rohrbaugh brothers, to house their Omaha Commercial college.