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AMERICA'S BIGGEST MACARONI FACTORY BURNS

CRESCENT CO. DECIDES TO REBUILD IN DAVENPORT

LOSS OF \$350,000 IS CAUSED BY FIRE WHICH DESTROYS OLD BURTIS HOUSE AND THE OTHER BUILDINGS USED BY LARGE DAVENPORT FACTORY

INSURANCE CARRIED BY THE CRESCENT MACARONI & CRACKER CO. AMOUNTS TO ONLY \$150,000, LEAVING LOSS OF \$200,000 ON ACCOUNT OF CONFLAGRATION THAT LEVELED STRUCTURES

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED REGULARLY AND SELDOM WEEK PASSED THAT EMPLOYEES WERE NOT PAID OVERTIME BECAUSE OF DEMAND FOR PRODUCTS OF CONCERN

The Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Co. plant at Fifth and Iowa streets, Davenport, is completely leveled as the result of a disastrous fire which broke out in the building shortly after 4 p. m. last night. The loss is estimated by the company at between \$200,000 and \$350,000. The amount of insurance carried by the company totals \$150,000.

The building was completely leveled from top to bottom and nothing but the brick masonry was saved. At the south end of the structure the office of Oswald Schmidt, secretary and treasurer of the company, was situated and here in a vault was stored the current books and accounts of the company. When the doors of the vault were opened at 11:15 o'clock this morning everything within was found intact. This is all that the company will save out of the wreckage.

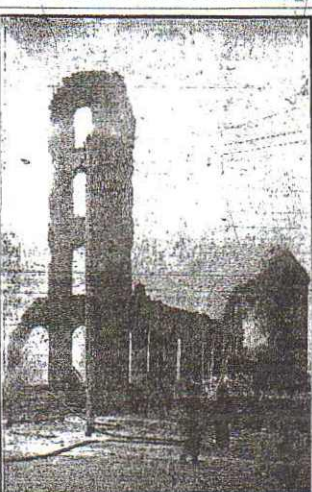
Remains Old Landmark
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Crescent Macaroni and Cracker Company's Insurance

German-American	\$3,000
Milwaukee Mechanics	2,000
Security of New Haven	8,000
Western	7,000
British America	4,000
Security of Davenport	3,000
Fire Association	2,500
Swedish Union & National	4,000
Palatine	2,500
State of Pennsylvania	2,500
Irishmen's Fund	1,000
Actia	2,500
Hartford	4,500
Williamburgh City	3,000
General Fire	2,500
Ins. of North America	2,500
Phoenix Assurance	5,000
American of Newark	5,500
American Central	5,000
National Union	5,000
Haver	2,500
German Alliance	2,500
Fidelity Underwriters	5,000
Firemen of Iowa	2,500
New Hampshire	2,500
Boston	2,500
Prussian National	2,500
New Jersey	2,500
Newark of Newark, New Jersey	2,500
Milwaukee Mechanics	2,500
The Netherlands	2,500
Springfield Fire & Marine	5,000
Total	\$150,000

Monument of Old Burtis House and Crescent Plant Is Left Standing



The northwest corner of the Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Co. plant, which was formerly the Burtis house, was left standing after the conflagration, but is finished after the rest of the building had been a spectacular conflagration.

Some Interesting Features of the Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Fire

The Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Co. factory, Fifth and Iowa streets, was burned to the ground and totally destroyed last night. The loss is between \$200,000 and \$350,000. The insurance totals \$150,000.

The fire was discovered at 11:15 o'clock by Night Watchman George Meitz, who lived in an alarm clock. The fire companies of the city, being alerted by the alarm clock, were alerted by the alarm clock.

Part of the furniture and personal items and book accounts of employees remained in the building and were saved from wreckage. About 250 people employed at the plant are temporarily without employment.

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AMAZON CO. WORKS BURN; TWO INJURED

ONE FIREMAN STEVED AWAY; OTHER TWO HIT BY FIRE AT PICKLING PLANT

LOSS AMOUNTS TO \$30,000

Blaze Started in Room Filled With Shavings and Quickly Spread to All Parts of the Second Floor—Factory May Not Be Rebuilt

Two firemen were hurt in a blaze which gutted the factory of the Amazon Vinegar & Pickling works at the foot of Howard street, Davenport, yesterday afternoon. The loss by fire amounts to \$30,000.

Fred Hoff, hose company No. 2, picked up falling timber with galling flame on second floor.

Pierre Hennrich, book and lighting company No. 1, lay twisted in perilous position on roof of shed.

Not without a screaming woman's scream, Hennrich was rescued by Hoff, who saved him from death. He was carried to safety by other firemen, and within half an hour was able to get into the hospital.

Hennrich was injured in falling from the roof of a small shed at the rear of the main building and the roof collapsed after the interior of the shed had burned out. The right hip was slightly twisted. His condition was not considered serious today.

Second Floor Burns
The plant was a two-story brick building, 75 by 200 feet in size. Although the entire second floor and most of the roof was burned out, the first floor was standing today.

The fire started in what is known as the generator room in the rear on the second floor. It was caused by a leaking gas pipe. The fire spread rapidly and the entire second floor and most of the roof were burned out.

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GERMANS NOW SAY THREE BRITISH SHIPS SANK IN NORTH SEA

FIRE ENDANGERS THE FIRST PHONE TALK TO COAST

WORKERS ON WHICH NEW TELEPHONE IS IN AUGUST—PASS THROUGH HERE

Within 200 Feet of Blaze

Workmen Are On the Ground Near Washington to the Coast

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