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## BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP SUNK BY A MINE OR SHELL

British Steamer Harpaloe, Chartered by Aid Commission, Lost with Twenty-Six Men in North Sea.

**CARRIED AN IMMUNITY PERMIT**

Vessel Believed on Return Trip After Bearing Load to Sufferers from New York State.

**FIFTY-THREE ABOARD CRAFT**

ROTTERDAM, April 11.—(Via London, April 11.)—The British steamer, Harpaloe, the first relief boat of New York state, and under charter to the Commission for Relief in Belgium, has either been torpedoed or sunk by a mine in the North Sea.

The Dutch steamer, Elisabeth, on its voyage from Rotterdam for New York, picked up twenty-two of the crew of the Harpaloe seven miles northeast of Noordvinder lightship and brought them back to Rotterdam.

Twenty-Six Feared Lost. The Dutch steamer, Constance Catharina, picked up five men and took them to Nieuwe Waterweg. The steamer carried a crew of fifty-three men, twenty-six of whom, it is feared, have been drowned. Those rescued by the Elisabeth included the second mate and the second engineer, the latter in a wounded condition.

The Harpaloe, under its charter to the Belgian Relief commission, had a permit securing immunity from attack.

The Harpaloe, which was of 2,691 tons, was a comparatively new steamer, owned by J. and G. Harrison of London. It sailed from New York March 7 with more than 11,000 individual gifts for the relief of the Belgians, and arrived at Rotterdam March 30. It is presumed that the Harpaloe's cargo had been unloaded and that it was on its return voyage. It was commanded by Captain Frank Wama, who, prior to his departure from New York, declared that he was not worried about mines or submarines.

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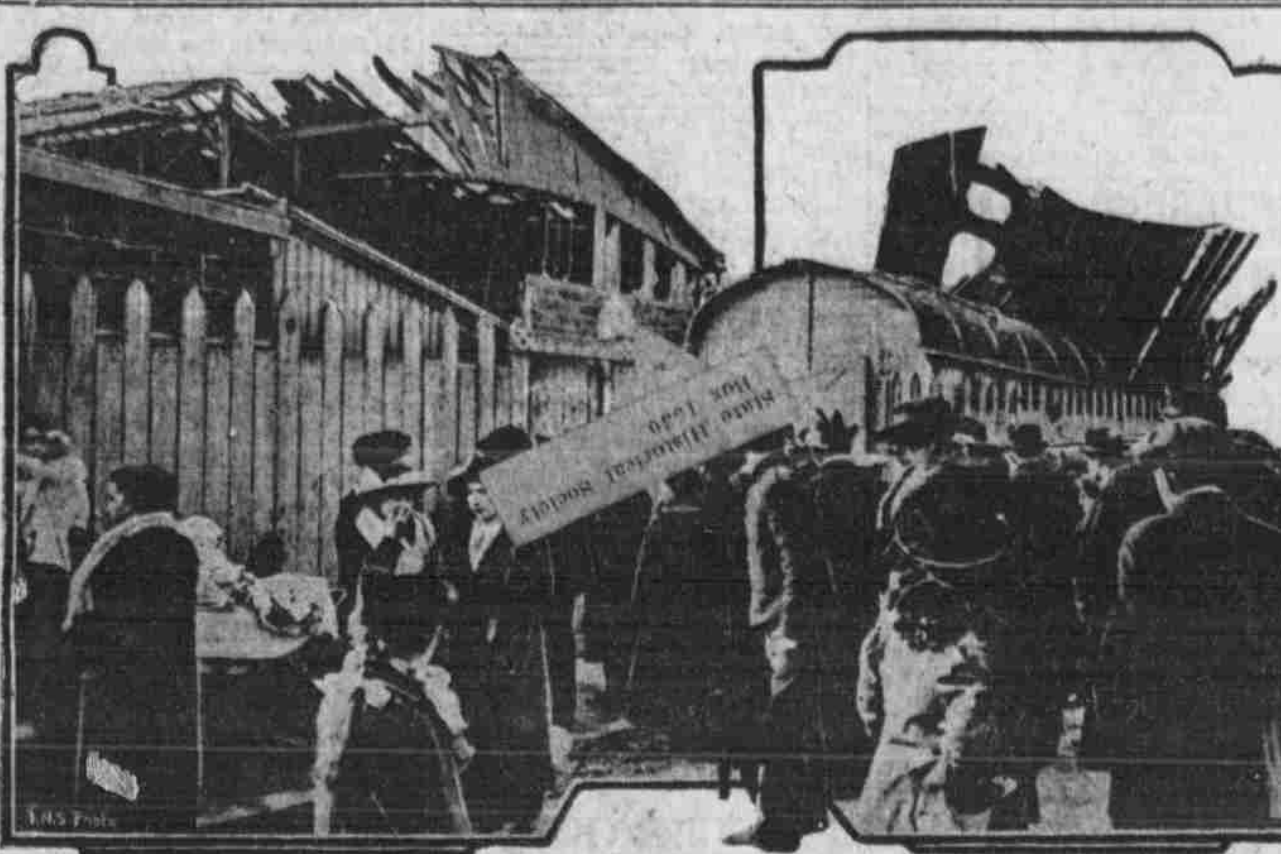
In the petition the father charged that Farmer was taken aboard the vessel in an intoxicated condition and lashed to a stanchion. His treatment, the petition sets forth, resulted in a fit and he died without attention.

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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.			

## WHAT DAMAGE AN AIRSHIP MAY DO IN WAR—Effect of a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin during the recent raid by air on Paris.



## JOBHOLDER'S LOBBY IS GIVEN KNOCKOUT

House Postpones Bill to Extend Terms of Office Holders Until 1918.

## ROUGH TREATMENT FOR BILL

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 11.—(Special.)—Like the boy who stood on the burning deck when the raging flames made hot the peanuts by the peck, Speaker Jackson stood by his desk yesterday in the face of a lobby of county officials hanging over the rail and with a resounding whack of his gavel sounded the death knell to the bill intended to extend their terms two years without the trouble of a re-election. It was the gavel swung by the good right hand of the speaker that choked off an avalanche of hot air which was about to be precipitated upon the assembly and when the thing had been done, remarks were made that the speaker had pulled off the best stunt of his career. The question was of the adoption of the conference report of the committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the senate.

## Another German Commerce Raider Enters U. S. Port

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 11.—The German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, another of the elusive German searchers which have been destroying commerce since the outbreak of the war, arrived in Hampton Roads this morning.

## NORTON HAS ENTIRE LEGISLATURE AT BAY

Polk County Member Makes Them All Do His Bidding on Appropriations. (From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 11.—(Special.)—The Norton scheme of appointing in advance one committee from the house to act as a conference committee on all the appropriation bills will cause considerable delay, and as a consequence, the final adjournment may not come tomorrow. The committee from the house has four bills to confer on, all important. The senate, in order to rush matters, appointed a different committee for each bill, but on account of the house having but one committee, three of these committees will have got to wait their turn until the house committee can finish its work on the first one.

## LAW MAKERS PUT IN SUNDAY AT WORK

Anti-Discrimination Insurance Idea Finally Postponed by the Senate Members. (From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 11.—(Special.)—Members of the legislature who have formed the church-going habit since coming under the environment of the "Holy City" broke over this morning and attended a short session of the legislature instead. In the senate five bills were passed on third reading, and in committee of the whole one bill was engrossed for third reading and two killed. One of those killed was House Bill No. 591, which had been amended so that it was a substitute for Senate Bill No. 46, the insurance bill killed in the house last week.

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## Berlin Taking Over Private Street Car And Light Systems

BERLIN, April 11.—(By Wireless to New York, N. Y.)—The Overseas News agency today gave out the following: "In the midst of the world conflagration the Berlin municipal administration is undertaking the gigantic enterprise of buying and conducting the Berlin Electrical works. The municipal council has unanimously appropriated 100,000 marks for the purpose of obtaining the street car system and assuring cheap electricity for the citizens. At the same time the suburb of Schoenberg is extending a large sum for an extension of its underground lines and Berlin is building a new line connecting the northern and southern parts of the city." The foreign office at Vienna has published a red book containing nearly 20 official documents concerning violations of international laws by hostile governments since the outbreak of the war. These reports disclose astounding cruelties by Russian invaders and Serbian irregulars.

## Villa and Obregon Not Fighting Now

EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—No further fighting was reported here between the Villa and Obregon forces, which clashed this week between Torquate and Queretaro. Villa remained at Inapastac, preparing to attempt to dislodge the Carranza troops from Celaya.

## Colonel Nelson Suffers Relapse

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 11.—(Special Telegram.)—W. R. Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star, who was believed on the road to recovery from his recent illness, suffered a relapse today and his condition is said to be critical.

## W. R. BURBANK OF FONTENELLE IS DEAD FROM WORK

President and General Manager of the Big Hotel Expires from Heart Failure in His Apartment. HAD BEEN ILL FOR WEEKS  
Strain of Planning and Opening Big Hostelry Too Much for His Frail Constitution.

## HIS CAREER AS HOTEL MAN

William R. Burbank, president and general manager of the Hotel Fontenelle, died shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday evening. The cause of his death was heart failure. Mr. Burbank had been under an intense nervous strain brought on by worry over the building and opening of the hotel. Arthur N. Cole, secretary of the hotel company, said that about 8 o'clock he went up to Mr. Burbank's apartment, where he had been partially confined for the last two or three days, with some letters for him. They talked over the business and during their discussion, Mr. Burbank said, as he signed a letter, "Have you ever seen a better signature than that?" Mr. Burbank then retired. Along toward 9 o'clock the family nurse went into the room to give him a cup of broth. He complained to her that he had a hard time getting his breath. While she was still in the room he fell back on the bed, apparently dead. That frightened the girl and she immediately called the office by telephone. His wife was called at once, and also Dr. O. Henry, who lives at the hotel. Mr. Burbank never regained consciousness. He was dead before Dr. Henry could get there. Dr. Henry said that death was undoubtedly due to heart failure. Mr. Burbank was a member of the Omaha club, the Commercial club and Happy Hollow club, and was a Mason. He came direct to Omaha from Syracuse, N. Y., where he had been managing the Hotel Onondaga. He was 49 years old and was born in Pittsfield, Mass. Mrs. Burbank is prostrated by the death of her husband. Relatives Deeply Affected. After the death of William R. Burbank Mrs. Burbank retired and refused to see anyone outside of relatives, or make any statements. Mr. Burbank's brother was also in seclusion and would answer no interviews. Both were deeply affected by the death. Mr. Gregg, of the hotel company, stated that it was impossible to say at present just what effect this would have on the management of the hotel. That must wait for a meeting of the directors of the operating company, of which Mr. Burbank was president. This meeting will take place at Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Gregg also said that as yet nothing had been decided definitely concerning the burial, but that the body would in all likelihood be taken east.

## Considered 'Hotel Wizard'

At the stockholders' dinner, which preceded the opening of the Hotel Fontenelle to the public, President Wattles of the Douglas Hotel company, referred to Mr. Burbank in most enthusiastic terms. "We looked about for a man to take charge of the management of the hotel," he said, "and among the many who were considered we chose Mr. Burbank because he seemed most eminently qualified to fill the bill. We looked up his record, and found him to be not only a hotel expert, but a veritable wizard." Mr. Burbank's ability was confirmed by Mr. Rafferty of Syracuse, who told of the success that had come to the Hotel Onondaga in that city under the management of the man whose genius formed the company that is managing the Fontenelle. Architect Kimball also told of the practical assistance given him by Mr. Burbank, who had spent most of his time in Omaha during the construction of the hotel and whose experience was largely drawn upon in providing for many of the special features and comforts of the house. He gave his personal attention to the most minute details of the arrangement and furnishings of the big hotel and worked beyond the limit in the task of getting it ready to open on time. Born in a hotel bearing his family name, and coming from a line of hotelmen, Mr. Burbank was by heredity and environment a hotel man himself. He was born at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1871, in the Burbank house conducted by his father, William (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

## Senators to Buy Desks and Chairs; Order New Fresco

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate in a session held last night with just enough present to constitute a majority passed several bills of a minor nature, making a record of forty-six for the day. The members will meet at 9 o'clock in the morning again, but it is not expected that business will be transacted. Before recess today the senate unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the secretary of state to buy before the next session, thirty-three desks for the members, and six for the newspapermen of modern construction and large enough to hold the books and papers needed. A new carpet and chairs, and the repainting of the landscape on the ceiling that has been a source of worry to Senator Gurney all through the session, was also ordered, the whole cost not to exceed \$5,000.

## FONTENELLE HOTEL MANAGER WHO DIED SATURDAY NIGHT.



WILLIAM R. BURBANK.

## PRUSSIANS BAR SLAVS' ADVANCE

Russians Admit Failure to Capture Hill Held by Germans Between Usok and Beskid Passes.

## HUGE TASK OF KAISER'S MEN

BULLETIN.  
LONDON, April 11.—The latest Russian official statement says that the Muscovites took the offensive in the direction of Mesolobora and dislodged the opposing forces from Wirawa. The Russians also captured Height 909, a much disputed position, which means, they claim, that the enemy has been driven back throughout the whole of the principal chain of the Carpathian mountains in the region of the Russian offensive.

## LONDON, April 11.—There has been a considerable extension of the battlefields both in the Carpathians and in the Woerwe district of France, where fighting of extreme violence continues by day and night, without, however, any definite decision having been reached.

The Russians have made themselves masters of the principal chain of mountains from Dukla pass to Usok pass and have begun an attack on the German forces, which hold the hills from the latter pass eastward to the Beskid pass. This section of the Carpathians has been the scene since early February of many fierce encounters between the Germans, who were sent to help the Austrians in their fruitless efforts to relieve Przemska and the Russian army whose task it was to hold them back until the fall of the fortress. Given Another Task. Now, this German army has been given another task—that of trying to prevent the Russians from establishing out their line, which is necessary before the invasion of Hungary is undertaken. It is apparent that this army has succeeded in at least checking the Russian advance as the Austrian official report claims a victory for the Germans in this section while the Russians admit that they have been unable to capture Hill 902, while they are about midway between Usok and Beskid passes. As the Russians have immense forces at their disposal and splendid railways to take them to the front, confidence in this section of the front is high, as they express they will succeed, as they did in the Laberna valley, in countering this check. The British military writers, however, warn the public that they must not expect a speedy conclusion of the Carpathian battles, as the Russians still have serious obstacles to overcome and the further they advance through the mountains the more difficult will be the task of keeping their armies supplied.

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## 30,000 FALL IN A VAIN DEFENSE OF LES EPARGES

Germans Told to Hold Great Fortress Against French in the Woerwe District at Any Cost.

NO SACRIFICE THOUGHT TOO BIG

General Says He Would See Entire Corps of Hundred Thousand Lost to Save Position.

GAULS ARE BATTERING WEDGE

## The Day's War News

BRITISH STEAMER under charter to Belgian Relief commission sunk by mine or torpedo in North Sea.

FIGHTING AROUND Les Eparges, in the Woerwe district of France, during the last two months and the final assaults which gained for the French this important strategic position cost the Germans 30,000 men.

THIS IS THE ESTIMATE made by the French War office. It announces still further progress by the French forces in their furious onslaughts upon the German lines, which are drawn up between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers as the protecting wall for Metz, the great fortress of Alsace-Lorraine, facing the east of Usok.

IN THE CARPATHIANS the Russians now control the principal chain of mountains between Dukla and Usok passes and are attacking the German and Austrian forces to the east of Usok.

LONDON, April 11.—The French army in the Woerwe is hammering at the two sides of the German wedge, which was driven into the French lines as far as St. Mihiel early in the war and which thus far has remained firm, and simultaneously has attacked the German front which passes close to the Lorraine border between Nancy and Chateau Salins.

The capture of Les Eparges, on the northern side of the wedge, appears to have been the most marked success the French have gained after almost a fortnight's fighting, although the manner in which the Germans are counter attacking in the forest of Montmarie, to the south-east, would indicate that they feel the French pressure from that direction most severely.

All the other attacks the Germans claim to have repulsed with heavy losses to the French.

## Paris Official Statement.

PARIS (via London), April 11.—The following official statement regarding the progress of the campaign was issued by the war office today: "Between the Meuse and the Moselle we have retained all the ground gained and have made fresh progress. Between the Orne and the Meuse there have been no engagements. At Les Eparges the enemy has undertaken no action, either with infantry or artillery, and the day passed quietly. The whole position is in our hands and statements of prisoners emphasizes the importance of our success. "The Germans since the end of February had in this part of the front the entire Twenty-third division of reserves. Then, toward the end of March, when that division was exhausted, the Tenth active division of the Fifth army corps, composed of the best troops of their army, was brought up. It is this division which has just lost the veritable fortress constructed on the spur of Les Eparges."

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