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## German Submarines Torpedoed Norwegian and French Steamers But The Crews and The Vessels Were Saved

### STEAMER WAS TORPEDOED IN THE STRAITS OF DOVER

#### A Norwegian Tank Vessel Was Sunk by Germans—The Crew Took to Boats and Landed Safely.

#### All Travel Across the English Channel Has Been Suspended by the British Admiralty Which Does Not Propose to Risk Lives of Passengers in Death Zone.

London, Feb. 19.—The Norwegian tank steamer Belridge, from New Orleans to Amsterdam, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the straits of Dover this morning without notice. The crew took to the boats and landed on the British coast. According to later advices, there is no doubt that the French steamer Dinorah was torpedoed and not mine-sunk.

The Belridge did not sink after being torpedoed, but was towed to a British port after being abandoned by the crew except the captain and volunteers.

#### Channel Travel Suspended.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department was advised today that all travel between England and the continent has been suspended by the British admiralty until further notice. The order was taken to mean that Britain regards Germany's death zone around the British Isles seriously, and does not propose to risk the lives of any passengers in that area.

At the same time, the state department received notice that the German military authorities are requiring every individual man, woman or child to have an individual passport in entering Germany.

### FRENCH STEAMER WAS TORPEDOED

#### Or Struck a Mine—She Was Safely Towed to Dieppe.

London, Feb. 19.—A Paris despatch says a German submarine torpedoed the French steamer Dinorah, from Havre to Dunkirk, sixteen miles off Dieppe. The Dinorah, however, was not sunk, but was kept afloat by her pumps, until towed into Dieppe. It is possible that the Dinorah struck a mine.

#### War Tidings.

The German advance from East Prussia upon the towns of Kovno and Grodno appears designed to cut the railroad communications to Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, rather than to an effort to take the Russian fortified positions in that territory.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia has given 1,000,000 rubles (\$500,000) to the charitable societies of Warsaw, Russian Poland.

The government of the Netherlands has refused a request for war vessels to convoy Dutch merchant ships through the mine areas prescribed by Germany on the ground that such

action would enhance the risks of ships without such escorts.

A semi-official Berlin announcement is made to the effect that it probably will be some days, possibly ten or fifteen, before news is received in Germany of the actual beginning of marine operations in British waters.

The Norwegian steamer Norleap, according to the Exchange Telegraph company's Copenhagen correspondent, has struck a German mine in the Baltic Sea and foundered. All her crew perished.

A fleet of freight steamers left Denmark for England with provisions aboard and it was to keep track of these, it is believed, that German airships, one of which was destroyed by the Wednesdays and another of which was reported wrecked yesterday on the Danish coast, have been so active.

Demonstrations in favor of Italy's intervention on the side of the allies took place in Rome, but the police were prepared and the affair passed off without serious trouble.

Germany intends carrying on her threatened blockade by combined Zepelin and submarine action. Great airship activity continues in the North Sea.

The German people are more terrified by the possibility of being starved out by England than by the thought of final disaster overtaking their forces in the field.

Field Marshal Sir John French recommends 2,900 men of all ranks for preference because of gallant and distinguished services.

### GERMANS BUYING FOOD FROM RUSSIANS VIA SWEDEN

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—The ministry of commerce and industry is under the belief that quantities of foodstuffs are reaching Germany from Russia through Finland and Sweden.

The attention of the officials has been called to unusual shipments which have been made for some time past, and which have resulted in Finland being flooded with frozen meats, flour, grain, butter and eggs. Hundreds of trucks, it is said, daily haul this produce to the Finnish railway station in Petrograd, taking roundabout routes in order to distract attention.

An inquiry has revealed that Swedish commission merchants who buy from the Finns in most cases represent houses in Hamburg. The extraordinary demand for the Russian rouble, in coin or in bills, in Sweden and Denmark, and the high prices offered for produce resulted in an enquiry being started by the ministry, which now is engaged in seeking a method to determine what portions of the shipments constitute legitimate trade for the Scandinavian countries, and to prevent supplies reaching the Germans.



A BELGIAN PRINCESS IN LONDON.

Princess Clementine standing between her husband Prince Victor Napoleon and Sir Edward Pointer at the opening of the Belgian section of the War Relief Exhibition in London.

#### WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

##### War Session of Legislature May Not Touch It.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—Whether or not the cause of woman suffrage will find advocates on the floor of the Ontario house this year is as yet undecided.

It is possible that the suppression of all legislation except that vitally necessary will be urged by the government, and that members on both sides of the chamber will acquiesce. Ordinarily, however, woman's franchise was booked for a long discussion this year, and according to the statement of some conservative members it was likely to gain some evidence of government approval.

This may be the case. "Are you bringing in your bill again?" was asked by J. W. Johnson, Belleville, conservative. "Well, I am nursing it, until I see whether the war will stop bills of this kind," he replied.

Mr. Johnson's bill provides for the granting of municipal franchise to married women, giving them the full rights and privileges enjoyed by spinsters and widows.

The opposition have two measures, sponsored respectively by B. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex, and William McDonald, of West Bruce. The first is materially the same as Mr. Johnson's, but the latter prepares to extend the parliamentary franchise to all women municipally qualified to vote.

This is also the position of Allan Stedholme, the labor member, but is so radical in nature that little hope of its progress is held out.

#### BRINGS \$100,000,000 SUIT.

##### Government Seeks Valuable Oil Lands Held by Corporations.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—The Southern Pacific railroad company, the Associated Oil company, the Union Oil company, and the Standard Oil company of California were made defendants, with thirty-six other corporations and individuals, in a suit filed here today by the United States government to recover lands in Kern county, valued at more than \$100,000,000.

This is the seventh suit instituted by the government to recover oil lands said to have been illegally patented.

#### Why Tax Bananas?

Toronto, Feb. 19.—A statement setting forth the facts bearing on the banana trade will be forwarded to the minister of finance with the request that, before the new revenue act is finally ratified, he go into the matter thoroughly to see whether the interests of Canadian consumers could not be better served by placing bananas with other food stuffs exempt from the new levy. The general grounds on which opposition is based is that the tax would result in a loss of cheap food for the poor and a material increase in the cost. A very small proportion of bananas are consumed by the rich, in fact ninety per cent. of the imports of this food are consumed by the poor.

#### Frank James Is Dead.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 19.—Frank James, brother of Jesse James, famous outlaw, died Thursday on the farm on which he was born, seventy-four years ago. James had been ill for some time, and reports that he was near death had been sent out for the last two months. While old age was largely responsible for his demise, the direct cause was a sudden stroke of apoplexy.

"Genuine Aspirin Tablets," sold at Gibson's.  
Pia Benjamin Matheson of the Regiment died at the Toronto General Hospital of meningitis.  
"Genuine Aspirin Tablets," sold at Gibson's.

### VIEW OF JAPAN

#### Is That She is Entitled to Enter China.

#### SHE DOES NOT INTEND

##### TO DISTURB THE "OPEN DOOR" POLICY EXISTING.

##### Anxiety in Great Britain—Request Made in Commons For Information—United States Seeks to Learn Truth of Situation.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—It was learned here yesterday that Japan recently explained the tenor of her demands upon China to certain friendly powers, including the United States.

The impression is held in some quarters in Tokio that, without intending to disturb the "open door" policy, the integrity of China or the spheres of influence of other powers, Japan will gradually seek to extend her influence in China.

She feels, it is being argued in Tokio, that her position entitles her to a predominating role in the development of the Chinese republic.

#### Anxious Over Act of Ally.

London, Feb. 19.—The anxiety felt here concerning the demands Japan made upon China in the course of the negotiations which almost immediately followed the occupation by Japan of the German concession of Kiaochow, was exemplified in a request made in parliament yesterday afternoon for the publication of the text of these demands.

Answering his questioner, Foreign Secretary Grey said: "I am not at present in a position to communicate to the house information on this subject, which has been given me confidentially by the Japanese government."

#### China Furnishes Text.

Washington, Feb. 19.—China has delivered to Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States a memorandum of demands made by Japan in the latter part of January. They differ materially from the eleven demands communicated to the powers by the Japanese government on February 24th.

Kai Fu Shah, the Chinese minister here, delivered the memorandum to the United States, giving the first official information here as to the demands originally made by Japan on China.

With both the Chinese version and the Japanese memorandum of the demands now in hand, the United States today directed an informal inquiry through its diplomatic representatives at both Tokio and Peking to clear up the discrepancies between the two versions and determine accurately what is the present basis of negotiation.

It was learned here that China originally was asked by Japan for much more extensive privileges than are contained in the eleven demands later pressed.

#### Greatest Guns in World.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Guns of greater range and power than any that could be arrayed against them have been asked for American coast defenses in a report of the army board submitted by Secretary Garrison and made public today by the House Appropriations committee.

A bill providing for a partial moratorium was introduced in the legislature by Attorney-General Lucas.

#### REPLY TO EDWARDS.

##### The Minister of Justice Reud Warden Creighton's Denial.

In parliament on Thursday the minister of justice replied to certain statements made during last week's debate by Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, anent, present conditions in the penitentiary. Dr. Edwards had said that the treatment prisoners received there was worse than hanging. Mr. Doherty said that since the investigation into conditions at Kingston he had appointed Warden Creighton, a capable official, and he read a statement from the latter covering the ground traversed by Dr. Edwards. The warden denied that all conversation between prisoners was prohibited; stated that the stone pile, instead of being the common lot of convicts, was the last resort when no other work could be found for them; asserted that no taunting or goading of prisoners was permitted, and that no prisoners had been flogged since he had assumed office. Mr. Doherty said that the warden also denied that convicts seriously ill were refused attendance.

Dr. Edwards—Does the minister know that last July two convicts died in the penitentiary within twenty-four hours of each other without attendance?

Mr. Doherty—No.

Dr. Edwards—It was published in the papers at the time.

The minister observed that there were many things published in the papers. Reverting to the warden's report, he read his statement that tubbing had for a long time been a thing of the past. He then took up Dr. Edwards' statements as to treatment of the insane in the penitentiary. The minister said that, believing it was not desirable to treat the insane in prisons, he had made arrangements with the governments of most of the provinces to have them care for their own lunatics in provincial institutions. Ontario had consented to this, and he hoped in a few days to complete arrangements with Quebec.

#### Will Not Abolish Death Penalty.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Canada will not abolish the death penalty, at least not yet. The minister of justice rejected the bill of Robert Bickerdike to do away with capital punishment, but Mr. Bickerdike, as a parting shot, expressed the conviction that the minister would one day bring in such a bill himself.

#### BARON WIMBORN SWORN IN.

##### Succeeds Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Dublin, Feb. 19.—Baron Wimborn was on Thursday sworn in as lord lieutenant of Ireland at a meeting of the Privy Council held in Dublin Castle. The ceremonial which is customary on this occasion was fully observed. Baron Wimborn succeeds Lord Aberdeen, who has held the position of lord lieutenant for the past nine years.

### STRIVES TO KEEP CAPITAL IN BANKS

#### British Shareholders Forbidden to Participate in New Bond Issue.

London, Feb. 19.—One of the first effects of the treasury regulations promulgated with the intention of keeping British capital at home will be felt in the field of American railroads.

The committee of the London Stock Exchange has issued a notice saying that the treasury refuses to allow British shareholders in the New York Central Railroad to participate in the subscription of this new bond issue of \$100,000,000 nor will it allow dealings in these bonds on the London Exchange.

Students in short course agricultural classes in Brant county have started a Junior Farmers' Improvement Association to increase the interest of young men in farm life.

### NAPANEE WOMAN TRIED TO SUICIDE ON FRIDAY

A special from Napanee to the Whig says:

In a fit of rage over the fact that the police had paid a visit to her home, Mrs. Laura Cowan, aged twenty-six years, living at Napanee, attempted to commit suicide on Friday morning, but was prevented from doing so by Chief of Police Graham. The latter grabbed a bottle, containing the poison, out of her hand.

The woman was afterwards taken into custody by the police, and will likely be charged with attempting to commit suicide, while another serious charge, that of assisting a member of the overseas contingent to make his escape to the United States, may be pressed.

Mrs. Laura Cowan is the wife of James Cowan, who is at the present time serving in France with the first contingent.

### GALLANTRY OF BRITISH UNDER CONSTANT FIRE

#### General French Pays Tribute to the Splendid Work Being Done by the British Armies, Including Canadian Contingent.

#### At Certain Points the Germans Occupied Some of the British Trenches But Were Driven Out by Counter Attacks—The British Airmen Have Covered Themselves With Glory.

London, Feb. 19.—That fighting along the front held by the British armies, including the Canadian contingent in France, is very severe, was stated in another report from General French made public today.

It reviewed the operations up to yesterday, and paid high tribute to the gallantry of his troops, who are under constant fire. Once more the British commander-in-chief praised the work of the British airmen, who have covered themselves with glory at all times since they went into the field.

"The enemy has displayed considerable activity," the report says. "At certain points the Germans succeeded in occupying some of our trenches, but our men drove them out by a series of determined counter-attacks. The gallantry of our troops was especially marked when it is realized that the entire ground over which the operations took place was waterlogged."

### Hindus Revolt Is Checked At Singapore

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 19.—A revolt has broken out among the Hindu soldiers at Singapore, one of the strait settlements belonging to Great Britain, according to newspaper despatches received here yesterday from the Malay archipelago.

Marines were landed at Singapore, from Japanese and French warships and some fighting has taken place between the mutineers and the men from the war vessels. The Hindu mutineers numbered 800, but later half of this number is reported to have surrendered and the revolt is said to be subsiding.

### MYSTERIOUS AEROPLANE

Toronto, Feb. 19.—A bulletin just received from Buffalo says that a mysterious aeroplane, two thousand feet in the air, passed over Buffalo this morning, apparently headed for Toronto.

### ITALY WILL FIGHT

#### Within the Next Two Weeks, Says Gabriel D'Annunzio.

Paris, Feb. 19.—In an interesting interview Gabriel D'Annunzio declared that within the next couple of weeks Italy will have drawn her sword for the liberation of her people in Trentino, Dalmatia and elsewhere.

D'Annunzio himself is about to open a campaign in favor of armed intervention in a sequence of chants entitled "Foretokens and Orisons." The first will appear next week.

"For children," sweet castor oil Gibson's.

#### To Let Relief Ships Alone.

London, Feb. 19.—Relief ships chartered by the commission for Belgian relief are to be permitted to follow their usual route across the English channel without molestation from German submarines, under assurances from both the British and the German admiralties.

#### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at the Palace rink to-night. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities. Carnival at Victoria rink to-night. Admission 15c.

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- Medley's Drug Store... 101 University
- Paul's Cigar Store... 74 Princess
- Prouse's Drug Store... 312 Princess
- Vallée's Grocery... 208 Montreal

#### MARRIED.

SUDDARD—BAWDEN—At St. Thomas' church, Newark, Del., on Feb. 19th, 1915, by the Rev. W. B. Haupt, Florence Muriel, second daughter of Wm. G. Suddard, Esq., Newark, Del., to Roger W. Bawden, eldest son of the Hon. J. W. Suddard, Newark, Delaware, U. S.

#### DIED.

JARVIS—In Kingston, on February 19th, 1915, William Jarvis, aged 63 years. Funeral from his late residence, 38 York St., Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

#### KIRKWOOD—In Kingston, on Feb. 18th, 1915, Aldrich Kirkwood. Funeral (private) on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., from the residence of his father, 175 Montreal St.

NASH—In Kingston, Feb. 19th, 1915, Florence Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Nash, aged 3 years and 8 months. Funeral at the family residence, 366 Albert St., Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 2:30 p.m.

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