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AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

Steamer Evelyn With Cotton Cargo Strikes a Mine.

Sunday Is Free From Disasters to British Ships, But the Coasting Steamer Downshire and the Steamer Cambank Are Reported to Have Been Torpedoed on Saturday by Submarines.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—So far as is known here, no British ships were known here, no British snips were sunk by German submarines or mines yesterday. Two British vessels fell victims to the enemy's submarines in the Irish Sea Saturday, one in the morning and the other at night. In the latter case the crew were given five minutes in which to leave their ship; in the other instance no warning was given and three of the crew were killed by the explosion of the torpedo and a fourth man was drown-

ed in jumping for the boats.

The submarines up to the present have demonstrated their ability only to attack slow steamers or those ly-ing at anchor, as a number of liners have passed to and fro in the Irish sea, where the German craft have been at work, without being ap-proached. In fact, with respect to Liverpool and other west coast-ports, the arrivals and departures have been above the Saturday and Sunday average, according to Lloyds' list.

The American steamer Evelyn. which sailed from New York on Jan. 29 with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck a mine Saturday of Borkum Island, in the North Sea, says a Bre-men despatch. The vessel sank. Her captain and 27 of her crew were

saved.
Ambassador Page received yesterday a cable from Secretary Bryan at Washington, asking that he ascertain all facts concerning the occurrence and give every care to the crew if landed within his jurisdiction. Secretary Bryan repeated a cablegram received from American Consul Fee at Bremen as follows:

"Steamer Evelyn, Captain Smith agents Bull & Co., New York, blown up early Firday at Borkum. Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost." A similar cablegram was sent by Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Ger-

ard at Berlin.

The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of the sea war of the European nations. She did not sink within the zone included in the German admiralty's decree of Feb. 4, which went into effect on Thursday. Borkum Island lies directly off the German coast, at the mouth of Ems river, and is German territory. The crew of twenty-five men were probably res-

The small Irish coasting steamer Downshire was sunk Saturday night by a German submarine off Calf of Man, an island in the Irish Sea. The Germans gave the crew five minutes in which to leave their ship. The crew landed at Dundrum, County

Down, Ireland. The submarine which sank the Downshire was the U-12. The Germans fired three shots at the steamer before her captain hove to. After the crew of the Downshire had taken to the boats the Germans placed a bomb midships of the steamer and exploded it, and the Downshire sank in a

few minutes.
First to sight a German submarine and then to see the track of a tor-pedo making its way toward their ship was the experience of the crew of the British steamer Cambank, which was sunk Saturday morning in the Irish Sea off Linas Point. The survivors of the disaster arrived in their home port here yesterday. The third engineer and two firemen were killed in the explosion and another member of the crew was drowned when he tried to jump into a boat. In all, 20 persons were saved from

The submarine came into view, according to the stories told by the men of the Cambank, while the crew of the steamer were preparing the boats for an emergency. Then the torpedo was observed. The ship was standing still at the time and the torpedo struck it squarely amidships, close to the stokehold. In less than fifteen minutes the bow of the vessel seemed to fall away and then the ship broke in two and sank. Those of the crew who were able to make the boats drifted for three hours before they

were picked up. After discharging the torpedo which sank the Cambank the sub-marine quickly submerged herself. The crew of the Cambank say the submarine unsuccessfully chased other boats in the vicinity where the Cambank was destroyed.

Austria To Follow Lead.

GENEVA, Feb. 22. — Austria will follow Germany's lead in its treatment of neutral shipping in the Adriatic, although possessing few submarines, says a despatch from Innsbruck.

Holland Puts on Screws. THE HAGUE, Feb. 22.—A decree prohibiting the exportation of copper, copper-wire, driving belts and leath-er for belts is expected to be pro-mulgated immediately by the Neth-erlands Government.

Enemy Kings To Meet.

GENEVA, Feb. 22.—(Via Paris.) —It is reported here that Emperor William of Germany and Emperor Francis Joseph of Austra-Hungary with their staffs, soon will hold a ference at some town near the fron-tier between the two countries. The rulers have not met since the war

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NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

The Busy World's Happenings Care fully Compiled and Put Inte Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper-A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.

TUESDAY.

A despatch from Amsterdam says that the German Government yesterday sent a reply to the American note transmitted by Ambassador Gerard.
Canada's gift ship, the Treneglove,
filled with food and other good things
for distressed Belgium, left Plymouth
Sunday for Rotterdam, having been

delayed by the stress of weather.

Two French airmen flew over
Strassburg, on the Rhine, Sunday, but did not drop bombs. This is the first time since the beginning of the war that French aviators have appeared over this Lorraine city.

The death of Dr. Wesley Mills, emeritus professor of physiology in McGill University, was announced yesterday in a special cable received by The Montreal Star from Sir William

The Montreal Star from Sir William Osler, of Oxford University.
Phillip Schissler, foreman for the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., was fatally injured at Victoria Harbor yesterday morning while at work and died shortly afterwards. Mr. Schissler had been in the employ of the Harbor Lumber Co. for over a quarter of a century. ter of a century.

Charles Cleaver was shot and kill-by two robbers in the saloon of Con Feely in Chicago. The robbers escaped. In the robbery of Peter Teccetti's saloon, Policeman Martin Hogan interfered and shot and probably fatally wounded Thomas Ford, one of three bandits. WEDNESDAY.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw on an indictment charging him with conspiracy, was set yesterday in New York for March 1.

The stock yards at East Buffalo closed yesterday afternoon under state and federal orders because of the re-appearance of foot and mouth

By official order Mardi Gras was celebrated publicly nowhere in France yesterday. In most of the households the day was celebrated, but less pretentiously than usual.
The trial of Gen. Christian De Wet

and other leaders of the South African rebellion against Great Britain, who are charged with high treason, began in Bloemfontein yesterday.

John M. Still, a farmer of Mono Township, near Orangeville, sustained loss of \$6,500 early yesterday when fire of unknown origin totally destroyed his large bank barn and contents.

News has been received that the Princess Patricias, after a strenuous time, alternating between the trenches and the dug-out, will be given a respite from the rigors of the firing line.

The Canadian Government has asked the United States Government to place guards at the end of the International Bridge at Buffalo, to safeguard this bridge from attack from

United States territory.
Lt.-Col. W. H. Sparham, aged 70, a conspicuous figure in the military life of Eastern Ontario for many years, died in Brockville yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. A. Stayner, after a short illness.

THURSDAY. Many villages in the Friuli region of the Italian Alps have disappeared from sight under a snowfall of al-most unprecedented extent for that

locality. Frank Roti, cashier of the Western Savings Bank in Western avenue, Chicago, was held up and bound by four auto bandits yesterday, who escaped with \$2,000.

the Dominion Securities, now of the 5th Royal Highlanders in France. has been transferred to Sir Max Aitk-en's eye-witness staff.

Dr. C. Connell has announced that in the coming calendar of Queen's a new combined arts-medical course has been arranged, and it will be more literary in character than the one in the past.

Louis Berger, a German subject wanted in Toronto, Ont., to answer to a charge of larceny, will be deported to Germany, by reason of an order en-tered yesterday by Federal Judge Landis in Chicago.

Six Winnipeg men are lost on the Churchill barren lands. They left Port Nelson Jan. 31, and ran into a blizzard this side of the Limestone Cache. The mounted police are searching for them.

V. H. Veardon, the young architect, found guilty some weeks ago on five charges of obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory by year in the Ontario Reformatory by Judge Winchester in Toronto yester-

FRIDAY. A Reuter despatch from Berlin says Emperor William has retuned to Berlin from the East Prussian war

theatre. Danish ship owners yesterday deied the German war zone decree and despatched ten ships to England with

argoes including foodstuffs.

Hay in Peterboro district is selling for \$25 a ton, and the farmers them-selves are among the best customers, for many barns are practically empty. Potato riots at Schonberg, Ger-many, are reported by the Exchange Telegraph Co.'s correspondent in Amsterdam. Officials superintending

nsterdam. Officials superintending to sale were beaten.

Nearly 300 Italians who are out of employment on the Welland ship canal construction work paraded before

nal construction work paraded before Mayor Battle at Thoyold, and filed a protest. The mayor cirected them to the Italian consul at Welland.

The British Parlix mentary bill which would have the e ect of shortening the route to Canada by making a new reliway route in reland, has a new railway route in reland, has been held up owing to non-compli-ance with the standing or lers of Par-

The grand jury in the

Toronto yesterday returned a true bill on an indictment of conspiracy to defraud against Gordon D. McCutcheon, David S. McCutcheon, J. H. McCutcheon, Clarence W. McCutcheon and Marshall A. Cook.

The Government of the Netherlands has refused a request for war vessels to convoy, Dutch merchant ships through the marine areas prescribed by Germany on the ground ships through the marine areas prescribed by Germany on the ground that such action would enhance the risks of ships without such escorts.

SATURDAY.

A Government order issued yesterday forbids the serving of liquor to the treams of the Union of South Africans of the Union Office of the Union of South Africans of the Union Office of the Union Of

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rica as rations.

Fred. Knell, sr., aged 74, passed away yesterday in Berlin after a brief illness. He was born in Glarus, Switzerland, and came to Canada in

The London Times has achieved

what what is claimed to be a record in the field of raising money for a popu-lar cause. Its fund for sick and the field of raising money for a popular cause. Its fund for sick and wounded yesterday passed \$5,000,000.
Walter Babcock, aged 22, son of Ira Babcock, Bath, lost his life on the lake in a brave attempt to save the life of his brother, Oscar Babcock, aged 19, who wandered out on some

Leslie W. Glennie, aged 35, an agent for the London Life Insurance Co. was cut in two by a street car in Hamilton yesterday when his bicycle slipped and threw him under the wheels.

The Cologne Gazette reports that Sir Roger Casement will soon go to Christiania and submit proofs against the British Minister to Norway, M. De C. Findlay, and the Norwegian Government

The Children's Aid Society has discovered a home in Hope Township where the mother, father, four chil-dren, two dogs and about twenty hens occupy two small rooms. The society will take charge of the children.

Col. Herchmier, of Vancouver, died

Saturday evening.

A box containing dynamite was found Saturday, a short distance from the C.N.R. station at Brooklin, Ont. King George has conferred the honor of Lady of Grace upon Mrs. Peter D. Crerar of Hamilton for her work in fighting the white plague.

By the death of James Twitchell, aged 76, at his home Saturday night, Ciinton loses one of its oldest residents and most prominent business

men.
It is announced that the Curtis Aeroplanes and Motors, Ltd., has been incorporated in the Province of Ontario. The company will manufacture in Toronto

James H. Hodgins, reeve of London Township and ex-warden of Mid-dlesex County, died at his home at Ilderton Saturday in his 71st year.

Edgar Hodgins of Vancouver is a son. It was stated in Washington Saturday that the United States has postponed for a few days a decision on what its policy will be relative to the negotiations between China and Ja-

The milk-receiving station at Rocket river, near Cornwall, Ont., belong-ing to the Diamond Creamery Co., was burned to the ground Saturday The loss is estimated at \$4,000, with burned to the ground Saturday. \$2,500 insurance. A new station will

built.
Miss Hatty Reeves and Mrs. Mary Clark of Newark, N.J., were shot and killed Saturday at the termination of a quarrel between Miss Reeves and Hiram Craig, in the former's apartments. Craig is charged with the

DARDANELLES SHELLED.

All But One of the Forts Have Been Silenced.

LONDON, Feb. 22. - The first at-LONDON, Feb. 22. — The first at-tack by the British and French Medi-terranean fleets, assisted by aeroplanes and seaplanes, on the Darda-nelles fortifications, which commenced Friday and continued Saturday, has met with considerable success. according to the British official acount and unofficial reports received

at Athens from the Island of Tenedos, at the entrance to the straits.

The Turkish official report, however, stated that no damage had been done to the fortifications, and that he casualties of the defenders consisted of one killed and one wounded, but that three of the warships were damaged by shots from the forts. The British report said that the fortifica-tions on the European side of the straits were silenced Friday, and that only one of the forts on the Asiatic side was still firing Friday evening, while none of the warships had been damaged. The Greek accounts said that the Asiatic forts were silenced, out no official report of this bombardnent has been issued by the Admir-

alty as yet.

The bombardment must have been one of the most serious ever under-taken in the opinion of naval experts, for no less than eight battleships and armored cruisers took part, these warships having a total of thirty 12inch and six 10-inch guns which out-ranged the guns of the forts. Early ranged the guns of the forts. Early Friday morning this fleet, including the British battle cruiser Inflexible which had just returned from the Falkland Islands where with other ships, she took part in the battle in which Admiral Count von Spee's German squadron was destroyed opened. man squadron was destroyed, opened a long range bombardment on the forts at Cape Helles and at Kum Kalesi at the entrance to the straits. When these forts had been damaged the battleship force closed in and enengaged the forts with their 6. 7 and 9-inch guns which, it is believed must have poured an enormous rain of shells on the Turkish positions.

Becker Seeks Third Trial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. — Counsel for Charles Becker, now in the death house at Sing Sing, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, served notice Saturday upon District Attorney Perkins that he would move in the Su-preme Court on Feb. 25 for a new trial for Becker. The affidavit, made in Philadelphia, by James Marshall, repudiating testimony given by him at Becker's second trial, counsel said, was to be the basis of the notice.

FLANK IS THREATENED

Germans in Poland Imperilled by Cavalry Defeat.

Gen. von Hindenburg Is Bending His Greatest Efforts Against Line of Fortresses Across Northeast Poland—New Operations Will Tie Up a Huge German Force-Southern Attacks Fail.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.-In northeast Poland the curtain is now considerably lifted and the scope of Von Hindenburg's last strategic manoeuvre is clearly outlined. His aim from the beginning has been to confine the Russians within the line of the Vistula throughout the entire course. His first attempt, directed from southwest Poland in October to press the Russians behind the great river, failed mainly because of a successful sortie by a strong Russian cavalry column from Novo Georgievsk, through Levitch, which undid in three days all the dearly paid for work of the huge German armies which had then been facing Bloni and Ivangorod. In a fortnight Von Hindenburg, in a determined effort again to tie his adversaries to the again to tie his adversaries to the Vistula, has given his most serious attention to Novo Georgievsk and all the line of fortresses stretching northeast from the right bank of the Vistula and Pultusk, Ostrolenka, Lomza and Ossowiec. East of this last stronghold, where the Germans were defeated last October, they have apparently two or three corps which apparently two or three corps which came from the south of the Mazurian Lakes, manoeuvring tentatively without much fighting in the direction of the road to Grodno.

They are not attempting now any speedy operations, and have left their flank threatened since the sharp defeat of the German cavalry on the Niemen, where all survivors of the Uhlan regiment which the Russians cut down are prisoners. The Germans have a larger army nearer Ossowiec which, however, they have not invested or even hombarded other chief force in the northeast has moved on the road to Lomza and Beries. In pitched battles here the Russians generally are attacking along the marshy flat banks of Narew and Bebr. The Germans are believed to have nine corps in this region. Less is known of the battle area between Sierpec and Plonak, where very great forces are now gathering. It is plain that despite any developments in the developments in the campaign in western Europe the Germans mean to bring yet more men into their eastern operations and to keep them here, but the position here is now evidently strongly covered.

A very great German army will be needed for the northern campaign. The present aggressive tactics of the Russians in the middle disposition has surprised the Germans who, although they have been using Przas-nysz for most of the last three months as an observation point and base for cavalry reconnaissances, have prepared no earthworks for the pitched battle that the Russians are forcing on them. Przasnysz is serv-ing as a hinge for two German wings, one stretching sixty miles southwest to the Vistula, the other spreading eighty miles northeast into the Augustowo forest. The Germans are very cautious along the left wing where their reserves are kept within a dozen miles of the East Prussian

It is calculated that the enemy las now about twenty corps employed in the Carpathians, of which about a quarter are Germans. Their determined attacks on the Wyszkow Pass have failed decisively, and the Russians are able to develop a strong of-The German strategists in he southern campaign their utmost to impose the lines of the San river as the western boundary for the Russians, and have begun vigorous fighting supported by masses of heavy artillery along the Dunametz, but the Russians by the prompt seizure of Tarnow, with the control both of the roads and railways of western Galicia have anticipated and frustrated the bold plan for cutting between their western main army and its co-operating columns in the Car-pathian passes. Two sorties from Przemysl were promptly beaten back, and the blockade is maintained com

TRANSPORT SUNK?

Britain Has No Confirmation of German Claims.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A report from Berlin of the sinking of the British transport with troops and an accompanying steamer is without confirmation from official sources here. Berlin advices say that all the morning papers featured the report in first page headlines, together with reports of the sinking of other vessels by submarines or mines. Although ac-counts of the sinking of various other steamers by German submarines or by mines have been passed promptly by British censors, there was no inti-mation in the London despatches of the destruction of a transport.

Vienna Demands Hungary's Grain. LONDON, Feb. 22.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Vienna says that the burgomaster of Vienna and the president of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce yesterday visited the Austrian Prime Minister and insisted that measures be taken to provide sufficient grain and flour to

meet the city's needs.
"They said they thought," the correspondent adds, 'that Hungary should be compelled to supplement Austria's inadequate supply of grain, and that all supplies from both countries should be treated as a common stock. The Prime Minister assured them that the Cabinet was perfect

ing a plan to relieve the situation. The people seeme indignant over what they style Hungary's manifes reluctance to share with Austria he

surplus grain."