

## BRITAIN STOPS ALL SHIPS TO EUROPE!

WASHINGTON, February 19.—All travel between England and the Continent of Europe has been suspended by the British Admiralty until further notice, according to advices received today at the State Department.

## FRENCH STEAMER FIRST TO BE STRUCK IN BLOCKADE

## STEAMER HIT; REACHES PORT

French Vessel Dinorah Withstands Shock of Torpedo Explosion.

IS TOWED INTO DIEPPE

Cargo, Meant For Dunkirk, Will Be Unloaded At Dieppe.

[Canadian Press.]

Dieppe, France, Feb. 19, via Paris.—

A German submarine torpedoed the

French steamer Dinorah, from Havre for

Dunkirk, at a point 16 miles off Dieppe.

The Dinorah did not sink, but was

holed into Dieppe. No mention is

made of the loss of any of her crew.

A plate on the portside of the steamer

below the waterline was stove in by the

torpedo. Nevertheless, the Dinorah

managed to keep afloat by hard pump-

ing. Word of the occurrence was taken

up by the British Admiralty, and the

French steamer was towed into port and

will be discharged here.

The presence of a German submarine

in the English Channel was reported four

days ago.

The daily steam traffic service be-

tween Dieppe and England has been

suspended.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER

COLLIDES WITH MINE

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 19, via London, 3:35

p.m.—The Norwegian tank steamer

Belgeland, which sailed from New York

on January 25, and New York News

Boat 5, for Amsterdam, struck a

mine today off Dover.

The vessel has been beached at Wal-

mer, it was first reported that she

was only slightly damaged by the ex-

plosion, but later it was learned that

there had been fear of her going down.

Her forepeak and her foredeck are

water-logged, and her foredeck is

awash. The pilot on board and eight-

teen men of her crew have been land-

ed. The Belgeland struck the mine at an

early hour this morning.

Was it a Spy?

Thousands of people on their way

to business anxiously watched the

machine as it sped along. Some be-

lieve that the machine was spying on

Canadian towns and fortifica-

tions, as part of the suspected aerial

raid of German emissaries, but

authorities here are inclined to dis-

approve this theory.

Where the craft came from is not

known. It was sighted as it came

to Buffalo from the Upper Lake

region, and not once did the op-

erator lower his machine to within

at least 2,000 feet of terra firma.

It required only a few minutes

for the aircraft to pass over the

city and quickly fade from view.

It was going at a terrific pace, and

caused considerable excitement here.

THE WEATHER

SPRING SIGNS LOCAL TEMPER-

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the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today

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TOMORROW—MILD.

Toronto, Feb. 19—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Fine.

Saturday—Easterly winds and com-

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## Lt.-Col. Casgrain and Men Given Rousing Send-off at Windsor



Reading from left to right those kneeling are: Ptes. R. Fournier, Philip Ballargeon, George Page, E. Nantais, Sharron, Soudier, Pagen, Henry Wallace and Howe. Those standing are: Ptes. R. Adams, A. Peters, Harold Morrell, E. Fournier, A. J. Morand, Tves, Sullivan, Hudson, and A. Eisenberg. In the center, from left to right, are the three nurses who will go to a later A. J. Miss Gervais, Miss Fiedler, Lieut.-Col. Surgeon H. B. Casgrain and Miss de Askin. Raymond Beaman, of Detroit, who formerly lived in Sandwich, was not present when the picture was taken.

## BUFFALO NOW "SEEIN' 'EM"

Border City Is Excited About One Seen Making For Canada.

## SPYING CANADIAN COAST?

Flew at Great Height and Its Starting Point Is Unknown.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 19.—An acro-

plane, loaded directly north-east,

passed over Buffalo this morning a

few minutes before 8 o'clock. It

was flying at an altitude of be-

tween 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

The outline of the aircraft could

be plainly discerned, and at times

the machine seemed to head directly

for the Canadian shore and then

quickly veered back again toward

this side of the river.

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## GREAT GALLANTRY SHOWN BY BRITISH

General French Tells of Splendid Counter-Attacks—All Ground Gained Is Strengthened and Held Without Any Difficulty—Great Air Work.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 19, 12:29 p.m.—A report

on the progress of the fighting on the

front was given out officially in Lon-

dton today. It is the second of the bi-

weekly communications on the opera-

tions of the British army in France

promised by the authorities, and it reads

as follows:

"The enemy has displayed consider-

able activity during the past few days

south-east of Ypres. The fighting on

the line has at times been very severe.

At one or two points the enemy

succeeded in occupying some of our

trenches, but they were driven out by

counter-attacks. One of the enemy's

trenches was blown up, and a number

of prisoners were taken.

All Ground Held.

"Our troops delivered their counter-

attacks with great gallantry, in spite of

the difficulties entailed by the weather.

logged condition of the ground around

the trenches and the bad weather.

"On the night of February 15-16 an

attack was made on our line north of

the Ypres Canal, and on the following

night a similar attack was made near

Neuve Chapelle. Both were easily driven

off, with loss to the enemy." All the

ground recently gained by us has been

strengthened and held without diffi-

culty.

Fine Air Work.

"The enemy has increased some-

what of late.

"Our air craft have carried out val-

uable reconnaissance, and they have also

successfully engaged aeroplanes of the

enemy. One of our aeroplanes recently

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## ZEPPELINS HELP BLOCKADE WORK

Their Activity Shows Intention of Making Good German Threats.

## NO SUBMARINES VIEWED

In Western Field Allies Seem To Be Getting the Advantage.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 19.—So far as is known

up to noon today, not a single German

submarine was sighted during the first

24 hours of the German blockade of the

British Isles, but there are increasing

signs that Germany is building up a

fleet to make good her threat.

These are found in the sudden activity

of Zeppelin airships in the North

Sea, together with reports that they

are continuing to patrol, notwithstanding

the rigors of the weather. Added

to this is the visit of Emperor William

and Admiral Von Tirpitz to Wilhelm-

haven, where, it is said, they hope to

give impetus to the machinery designed

to clear the waters surrounding the

United Kingdom of all merchant ship-

ping.

The Zeppelin airships presumably are

watching for food-laden craft moving

toward England. The halting of the

Dutch steamer Helena by a Zeppelin

hovering over her masthead gives a

new role to dirigible aircraft, which, so

far during this war, have done little on

land or sea to justify their maintenance.

Situation Altered.

All reports agree that the Austrians

at least have lost a situation which

they retired in good order, but they

do not seem to be in a position to

convert the occupation of Bukovina

into a permanent situation. The

presence of the Austrians near the

Romanian frontier was hailed as a

justification of the entry of Romania

into the war on the side of the Allies,

but today, with Bukovina once more

in German hands, the situation has

grown more interesting. Newspaper

correspondents have ceased predicting

that Romania will take up arms, but

sympathy with the Allies has not given

up the expectation that she ultimately

will take this step.

Territory Devastated.

The situation in the northern extrem-

ity of the eastern battle line is not so

clear as it was a few days ago. Ter-

ritory on both sides of the East Prus-

sian frontier has been desolated, and

both in