

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

Submarine U-16 Outspeeds the
Ville de Lille Off Cherbourg—
Blows Her Up with Bombs.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

The Merchant Collier Dulwich
Attacked Without Warning—
Crew Escaped in Boats.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—An official communication issued by the Minister of Marine tells of the sinking of the French steamer Ville de Lille by a German submarine off the Barfleur Lighthouse, a short distance east of Cherbourg, yesterday after the crew had been ordered to leave the vessel. The statement follows:

"The French steamer Ville de Lille, belonging to the Compagnie Navigation des Bateaux a Vapeur du Nord, sailing from Cherbourg to Dunkirk, sighted the German submarine U-16 near the lighthouse at Barfleur at 1:30 o'clock yesterday.

"The Ville de Lille endeavored to escape, but was outspeeded by the submarine, men from which boarded her and gave the crew ten minutes to leave in the ship's boats. Then they sank the Ville de Lille by bombs placed in her interior.

"The U-16 headed for a Norwegian steamer, but sank out of sight when a division of French torpedo boats from Cherbourg appeared on the horizon."

The Ville de Lille was a steamer of 997 tons.
