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The Situation.

The French have succeeded in standing off the violent German attack in the neighborhood of the Somme, and have also retaken some trenches previously occupied by the foe. The Teutonic losses were very heavy.

The British government has taken over 176 more establishments for this making of munitions, the total in this regard now numbering 2,834.

There can be no doubt about the fact that Uncle Sam has laid down to the Kaiserites in the matter of armed mercenaries. Leading papers across the border concede this.

Well Done, Brantford! The residents of this city have always held a very high place in connection with their generous giving to a worthy appeal, and the result of the Patriotic Fund campaign has once more demonstrated this fact.

The response has come with equal liberality from all classes, and represents over \$6 per head for all residents, men, women and children.

The call of course was such as to appeal to everyone. The dependents of the men who are going to fight at the front, have paramount claims at such a period as this, not alone because of the leaving of the bread winner, but also for the peace of mind of the latter when he is away of "somewhere", fighting for those of us who are stay-at-homes.

At the final gathering of fund workers last evening, there was a deep and inspiring "all together" tone throughout. There they were, Protestant and Roman Catholic, Conservative and Liberal, rivals in business, employers and employes, each imbued with the one idea and the one object. Of a truth, chords have been struck the Empire over in connection with these hostilities, which have vibrated in solemnous harmony upon behalf of a common cause.

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office space is being rapidly taken up by tenants, leases with 36 firms, involving annual rentals of \$38,678, being already signed.

For the care of those of the policyholders and their dependents and of all others who have enlisted in the war, the company has liberally contributed to the funds of the various patriotic societies.

The company refrains as usual from taking advantage of the amount which the Insurance Act permits as a credit on account of new business and which this year amounts to \$69,395.

The Royal Loan. At the fortieth annual meeting of the Royal Loan and Savings Company, the usual excellent showing was made notwithstanding war times.

No better evidence than this could be given of the scrupulous care which has from the inception been manifested in connection with this institution. The Reserve Fund has now been brought up to \$375,000, or 64 per cent of the capital, and there has been an all-round increase in assets, deposits and profits.

It was in 1876 that the Royal Loan was established with the late T. S. Shenston as President, and the late William Watt as vice-president. The institution enjoyed and merited public confidence right from the start and each succeeding year has seen it increased and more to a strongly entrenched position. The increase in deposits and debentures is another very satisfactory illustration in this regard.

The Brantford Trust Company, whose shares are owned by the concern under discussion, has also enjoyed another very good year.

While such an excellent annual report is of special interest to shareholders and all clients, the record is one which will also prove pleasing to citizens generally, for the Royal Loan is pre-eminently a Brantford institution, and its success is a matter of just pride to all.

The Board of Directors consists of such well-known citizens as Messrs. C. Cook (president), C. B. Heyd, (vice-president), A. J. Wilkes, F. Grobb, A. K. Bunnell, and John Mann.

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It bears the Seal of Purity All over the world the name Sunlight stands for purity in Soap. Our \$5,000 guarantee of Purity is something more than an advertisement. It marks the high standard we have set for ourselves to give you the best laundry soap it is possible to produce at any price.

Sunlight 5¢ Soap MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

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Canadians in Trenches Anxious to Get at Foe

Newspaper Men on a Visit Find All in Good Spirits—A Very Small Percentage Sick.

London, Feb. 12.—Through the courtesy of the War Office and the Canadian Headquarters in the field a third party of Canadian journalists have concluded a two days' tour of the Canadian lines, comprising visits to all the divisions, observing until later a fuller account of our experiences. I give a few general impressions of the situation. Comparatively little change has taken place in the actual locations held by our forces twelve months ago. In many cases they are holding precisely the same positions on an undulating front of some miles, which extends for a distance of some miles.

LIVING CONDITIONS IMPROVED The conditions of life, however, have undergone considerable improvement, and it is no exaggeration to say that the Canadian trenches to-day are a credit to any army in the field. Familiar stories of a few months back of our men having to pass their days in deep mud and water do not apply to-day. The sanitation in the trenches and camp, so vital to the health of the troops, is excellent with the happy results that there are only one and a half per cent, on the sick list. These improvements have, naturally, exercised a tremendous influence on the morale of the men. I visited Canadian and English trenches, and found them cheerful, confident and optimistic.

Recently one of the members of the British Cabinet, on his return from a visit to these lines, said that "nowhere had he found such undiluted optimism prevailing." This is literally true. I spent a whole night in the trenches held by the eastern front western battalions, and although the weather conditions were most depressing I heard not the slightest murmur from anyone. With the Germans in some parts only thirty-five yards away, the men did their allotted hour of sentry duty out of every four with a cheerful heart. The other three hours they spent in cosily constructed dugouts, indulging in all sorts of amusements.

SOLDIERS' LIVES PRECIOUS. "We do all we can to make them comfortable," said one of the generals to me on Thursday last. "Their lives are precious to us, and we are learning from month to month how best to safeguard them. We give them the best of clothing and food, which almost invariably includes a pound of good, fresh beef each day. Corroborating this statement, the men themselves told me their ration could not be better.

GEN. ALDERSON OPTIMISTIC. On Monday night we dined with the Corps Commander, Sir Edwin Alderson, whom we found highly optimistic regarding the general situation. Snatching an opportunity of a few minutes' chat with him, I asked him if we had arrived in time to see the "Archies" and the great German attack in the west," of which so much is being heard and which reports claim would be made upon the positions held by the Canadians. The General had seen these reports, but

with the orderly officer regarding the evening, until the latter has finished his rounds. "Guard Duty—From this date, N. C. O's and men going on guard will be excused from the afternoon parade on the day their guard duty commences. They will be expected to vote this time to obtaining the necessary rest to prepare them for their tour of duty.

Barracks Reading Room—Attention is called to Battalion Orders for December 1915. "In view of the courtesy of ladies in Brantford who have supplied the Battalion with reading material, men are cautioned that these magazines, etc., are not to be taken to their bunks etc., where they are soon destroyed. Men must show their appreciation properly by taking care of such magazines, etc. Abuses of this privilege will lead to its withdrawal."

N. C. O's are instructed to lay a charge of disobeying a command against any man found disregarding this order.

Telephone Duty—The officer detailed for telephone duty will be responsible that some officer is within sound of the phone during such times as no member of the Staff is present in Orderly Room. He will arrange

Six more men attested to the strength of the 125th to-day, as follows: Harry W. Pitman, Canadian, 18, single, Paris, Ont. Walter V. Nickles, English, 32, married, 3 years 5th Middlesex Regiment, Paris, Ont. Joseph H. Goyt, Canadian, 35, widower, 4 years 38th D. R. C., 164 Darling street. John L. Smith, Canadian, laborer, married, 48 Church street. Frederick H. Farman, English, 28, Electrician, married, 101 Sydenham St. Henry E. Ward, English, 21, machinist, single, 1-2 years 38th D. R. C., 224 Marlborough street.

ORDERS FOR FEB. 12th, 1916. Duties, Subaltern of the day, Lieut. W. Wallace. Next for duty, Lieut. C. B. Sheppard. Telephone Duty—The officer detailed for telephone duty will be responsible that some officer is within sound of the phone during such times as no member of the Staff is present in Orderly Room. He will arrange

The Hon. E. S. Montague, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and formerly financial secretary of the Treasury, has just evolved a new scheme to promote thrift in Great Britain. Some time ago a special committee was appointed with Montague as its head to devise ways and means to secure from the small investors. Montague is of Jewish descent, and apparently possesses the racial acuteness of that people in money matters. He is a younger brother of Lord Swaythling, the leader of the Orthodox element of English Judaism. When Lord Swaythling was raised to the peerage he changed his name to Montague, but some of the younger members of the family still cling to the name, Samuel, Herbert, Samuel, etc. of the members of the Coalition government being a case in point.

Complete control and supervision of the hydrophobic cases in the United States are provided for in the treaty negotiated following American intervention to quell the insurrection in the negro republic last fall.

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Old friends and new friends unite in saying

Red Rose Tea "is good tea"

Fill This in if You Haven't Been Called on and Send to Headquarters, Dalhousie Street, or Mr. Watt, Imperial Bank.

The Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association

Total Amount Pledged \$..... As a contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I hereby promise to pay to Mr. H. T. Watt, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, or his successor in office the sum of..... Dollars per month, commencing with February 15, 1916, and continuing for twelve months, it being understood that only three months' payments falling due after the declaration of peace shall be paid. Should I enlist for Active Service all installments falling due after that date are to be cancelled.

Signed..... Address..... Brantford..... 1916.

Note—The last installment of 25 per cent, on the Pledges given in the last Campaign, is cancelled.



The Royal Loan & Savings Company Charter Granted 1876 MONEY TO LOAN

Loans can always be obtained in large or small amounts on good farm or city property.

BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT Deposits with this Company, as well as the Debentures issued by the Company, are made a LEGAL INVESTMENT for money in hands of Executors, Trustees or Administrators.

Office - 38-40 Market St. Brantford

THE Excelsior Life Insurance Company

Twenty-Sixth Annual Report Shows Increase in Surplus, One of the Largest in the History of the Company.

NOTABLE FEATURES OF 1915 PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS Death Claims, Profits, Matured Endowments paid in 1915, \$ 274,781.97

INSURANCE New Insurance in Force, \$ 2,110,297.00 Total Insurance in Force, \$ 19,507,329.25

INTEREST EARNINGS For the past ten years the Excelsior has earned on its mean invested assets an average annual rate of over 7 per cent.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS President: DAVID FASKEN, B.A., B.C. 2nd Vice-President: S. J. PARKER, 3rd Vice-President: JOHN FERRISON, M.A., M.D., L.R.C.P. Directors: W. M. HARVEY, B.L., THOMAS LONG, GEO. E. WEIR, W. F. B. COLTER, L.D.S., W. J. McFARLAND, J. H. BLACK, T. A. DARR, M.A., F.A.S., Superintendent of Agencies: W. F. SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer: CHARLES G. PARKER, General Manager: EDWIN MARSHALL

The Full Financial Statement Will be Mailed on Request. J. G. LIDDELL, District Manager, Brantford

USE COURIER WANT ADS.

LOCAL NEWS

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. Word has been received from Corp. Pate that he recently underwent a successful operation and hopes to be back in the firing line by March 1st.

ASKED TO REMAIN. At the quarterly official meeting of the Oxford Street Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Marshall was unanimously asked to remain for a fourth year. He has the matter under consideration.

PARENT CONCERN. The Canada Car and Foundry concern in Montreal, where fire broke out to-day in the head company of which the Pratt & Letchworth here are a branch. The firm sent \$2,500 to the Patriotic Fund.

WINNING TEAM. The following gentlemen constituted the winning team in the Patriotic Fund contest—J. A. Ogilvie, captain; M. McPherson, M. W. McEwen, H. H. Powell, W. S. Brewster, H. J. Bassett, W. T. Hall, John Yacey, H. Conway, F. Thomas, G. T. Boies.

CARETAKER. The Wood retained by J. last evening, 61 to 51, the game 60 Woodmen, a good game, reduce T. J. erals and A.

WITH THE. The Capt. Jordan next subaltern, L. the Roman parade at 8 St. Basil's, vice their bands preceding, service will vice the churches and allowed service at the

TOO LATE. LOST—P. fifteen. WANTED—Shoe. TO LET—1200 conv. 321 Co. WANTED—Handwriting. WANTED—Senior letter, Box. WANTED—Assist. Club. TO RENT—Low rent. WANTED—Suit, class and charge, salary. WANTED—Applicant if any, a Box 18.

GOOD Glasses properly fitted will help you to enjoy the full benefit of your eyesight.

My method is to give you the double service of expert Optometrist and practical Optician at the one cost, \$2.00 or more.

Chas. A. Jarvis OPTOMETRIST Manufacturing Optician 52 MARKET STREET Just North of Dalhousie Street Both phones for appointments Open Tuesday and Saturday Evenings

NEILL SHOE CO Before Stock-Take

Men's box kip blucher laced boots all sizes. Reg. \$2.50. Saturday Boys' calf blucher. Regular \$2.00. Saturday Women's dongola boots, warm lined, all sizes. Sale price. Women's tan button and laced boots. Regular \$3.00 and \$4.00. Sale price. Special Values in Trunks and

Neill Shoe

THE CENTRAL STORAGE & OFFERS for sale at Quick Clearance of Furniture, Rugs and House Furnishings PURSEL & SALE NOW GOING