

Messages.

11.00 A.M.

LONDON, To-day. A continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is imther lasts, Major General Frederick B. Hill 304, where the Germans made an Maurice, Chief Director of military attack but were repudsed, and where operations at the War Office, so informed the Associated Press to-day. "I told you some time ago," he said, that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that

to be made in ground thickly sprink-led with shell holes filled with water.

Also never having held the same which Berlin reports were unsuccess. Also, never having held the same ful, comparative quiet still prevails line in any other winter, we under-estimated the effect of fog in the Val-mans brought their Howitzers into ley of the Somme. There have been play against the Russians positions at frequent frosts, not severe enough to harden the ground but sufficient to harden the ground, but sufficient to form a fog, making artillery observations and fire practically useless, also The French arrived at the same decisome of the crew landed. sion and transferred their attention to Verdun with the results of which you | BELOW THE LEVEL OF BRUTES. know. We may be able to resume in March, as we found the ground at

T. J. Edens

APPLES !

BLENHEIMS, No. 1. BALDWINS, No. 1. BEN DAVIS, No. 1.

Beechnut Bacon. Cleaned Currants, 1 lb. ctns. Graham Flour. Whole Wheat Flour. Neave's Food. Clarke's Night Lights. Price's Night Lights.

FRESH OYSTERS. FINNAN HADDIES. KIPPERED HERRING.

Strawberries in Glass Jars. Raspberries in Glass Jars. Green Peas in Glass Jars. Small Beets in Glass Jars.

PURITY BUTTER

s butter for particular people; 2 lb. prints only. BULLBOG BRAND TEA,

the old reliable, 45c. lb.; 5 lbs. for \$2.00.

FRESH RABBITS by Rail to-day.

emy are suffering from weather

WAR REVIEW. LONDON, To-day. The latest official communication from Berlin claims advances for the Ceutonic Allies against the Russian and Roumanians in Wallachia. The invaders are now beyond Rimnik Sarat, and advancing along the railroad toward Fokshani. Three thousaid more prisoners and twenty-two machine guns have been captured by the invaders, bringing the number taken in the Rimnik Sarat manoeuvre up to 10,228. Although the Berlin War Office reports the Teutonic Alies in Debrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Roumanians and have forced the Russians from their fortified height positions east of Matchin, on the east ank of the Danube opposite Brails, Petrograd announces that the invaders south of the Danube have been re pulsed with heavy losses, except at the village of Rokel, which has been WHY THE OFFENSIVE IS SUS-PENDED. occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting. Considerable fighting has again taken place in the Verdun sector around Tre Mort Homme and on the eastern slopes of

there has been no real battle in that sector since October. In the first place we underestimated the effect of shelling on the terrain of the country, over which an advance will have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines. In the air each side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines. In the air each side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines. In the air each side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the air each side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines. In the air each side is reported to have lost machines. In the Austrolation that the large lost machines are clearly all the large lost machines are clear

BRITISH SHIP SUNK. LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's reports the British steamer

LONDON, To-day. The Admiralty has given the Asso-Neuve-Chapelle in fairly good shape in ciated Press the following statement March 1915, although it had been very concerning the siinking of the British bad during the winter. Unable to steamer Westminster which was recontinue the offensive for the present ported last December 18th. The dewe have done the next best thing in gree of savagery which the Germans taking over a section of the French have attained in their submarine line, which kept us busy during the policy appears to have reached a past ten days. The operation has climax in the sinking of the Westbeen successful. I will be glad to minster, which was proceeding from tell you the exact extent of the line Terre Annunziate to Portland in baltaken over when I am sure the Ger- last on December 14th. When 180 mans know the point of junction." In miles from the nearest land the West-Roumania the first Roumanian army minster was attacked by a German which has borne the brunt of the submarine without warning and fighting has been entirely withdrawn struck by two torpedoes in quick sucand is now reforming in Moldavia, cession, which killed four men. The while its place has been taken by the Westminster sank in four minutes. Russians. In Dobrudja the line has This ruthless disregard for the rules teen moved back in alignment with of International law was followed by the battle front north of the Danube. a deliberate attempt to murder the In this region, both our Allies and the survivors. The officers claim that while effecting their escape the boats were shelled by the submarine at a range of 3,000 yards. The Master and Chief Engineer were killed outright and their boat sunk. The 2nd and 3rd engineers were not picked up, it is presumed they were drowned. The Captain of the submarine must have been satisfied of the effectiveness of his torpedo, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of murder which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of the war and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honour and morals.

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WASHINGTON, To-day. A policy of absolute silence regarding peace negotiations has been adopted by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, it is stated officially to-day. All steps henceforth will be regarded as confidential and no comment will be made on any development; rumours will not be discussed in any way.

1.00 P.M.

THE TIMES ASKS FOR A GREATER EFFORT.

LONDON, To-day. The Times Military Correspondent to-day is for a greater effort in the war. He contends that although the French are still strong their reserves are less numerous than could be wished for. Russia, he adds, will bring new armies into the field in 1917, but their usefulness depends on their benew armies into the field in 1917, but their usefulness depends on their being provided with heavy guns, airplanes and mechanical transports, while Russia's poor railway systems and other causes point to the necessity of not exaggerating what Russia can do. Italy, says the correspondent cannot easily increase her forces appreciably. After admitting that Britain has done a big share in the work at sea and financed and equipped the Entente Allies, the correspondent continues, "There are a number of changes to be effected before we can say we are winning the war. Germany met us in the Autumn with twenty-seven new divisions and thereby secured a strategic reserve, which enabled her to conduct the campaign in

The Royal Bank of Canada

Forty-Seventh Annual Statement

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th Nevember, 1916 LIABILITIES

To the Public: Deposits not bearing interest \$59,365,396.12
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to

date of statement 140,862,199.46 \$200,227,595.58 Notes of the Bank in Circulation 18,178,228.49 Balances due to other Banks \$1,464,467.85

in Canada Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries.....

8,147,576.48 478,392.16 452,677.26 Bills Payable Acceptances under Letters of Credit \$227,484,469.97 To the Shareholders:

852,346.28 ward - 13,412,346.28 Dividend No. 117 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1916 364,610.96

Dividends Unclaimed \$253,261,427.21 Current Coin \$30,321,873.63 Deposit in the Central Gold

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- \$121,127,663.67

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ceeding market value ... Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value Railway and other Bonds, De bentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value ... Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and

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thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada . . . Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) . Other Current Loans and Dis-

- \$86,936,631.39 counts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of in-Overdue Debts (estimated 37,928,027.25 loss provided for) 466,640.93

Real Estate other than Bank Premises .. Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less 1.095,473.24 5.138,398.14 amounts written off .. Credit, as per contra Other Assets not included in the foregoing . \$253,261,427.21

H. S. HOLT, EDSON L. PEASE, C. E. NEILL, President. Managing Director. General Manager. AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE We report to the Shareholders of

The Royal Bank of Canada: That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1916, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at

the principal branches.

That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank. That we have obtained all the information and explan-

ations required by us. JAMES MARWICK, C.A. S. RODGER MITCHELL, C.A. Auditors

of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat and Co. Montreal, Canada, December 18th, 1916. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1915.... \$676,472.16

Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.... 2,111,307.65

Appropriated as follows: Dividends Nos. 114, 115, 116 and 117, at 12 per cent. per annum. \$1,417,207.02 Transferred to Officers' Pension 100,000,00 250,000.00 War Tax on Bank Note Circula-

forward 852,346.28 - \$2,787,779.81

H. S. HOLT, EDSON L. PEASE, President. Managing Director. Montreal, 18th December, 1916.

C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

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of the case are staggering.

AT HOME!

The Governor and Lady Davidson will be "AT HOME" on New Year's Day from 3 to

Roumania without disaster in the west. We must not only counter dispositions of this character in time, but must be before-hand in future. The reserves of manhood in the British Isles and Dominions are ample for thirty divisions, to expand munition thirty divisions, to expand munition for the winter at least. works and to meet all legitimate demands of the navy, home defence and the air services. Nearly four million men of military age are still in civil life. The limit of age liability is still far below the German standard, and no answer has yet been made to the German availary service act. What German auxiliary service act. What is needed is vigor in the Government, and a single determination to win the war. We have a larger reserve of manhood than Germany, and the annual contingents of youths in France and tion. May they all have a very pleas-England together are greater than the annual contingents in Germany. It is no longer possible to think of winning the war by half measures. The new Premier should state to the Country the measures necessary for victory and stand or fall by them with the courage we know him to pos-

NEW FRENCH SECRETARY OF

PARIS, To-day. Rene Resnard has been appointed Under-Secretary of State in the Min-istry of War. He was Under-Secre-tary of State for aviation in the last

DUFAYEL DEAD.

large Paris stores bearing his name, is dead.

STATE MAY PURCHASE LHUQOR INTERESTS.

LONDON, To-day.
The purchase of the Drink Trade in The purchase of the Drink Trade in Great Britain by the State is believed to be imminent, says the Daily Express to-day. The matter has been closely considered by the Liquor Control Board during the past fortnight, continued the paper. Several members of the Board have long advocated the purchase and the change in the the purchase and the change in the Government has brought a renewal ber of Parliament, as saying that Lloyd George is known to favour the step, while several of the Unionist Ministers are understood to agree with him. Sir Thomas says he be-lieves a bill calling for the purchase would pass the Commons with diffi-culty. Sir Thomas Whittaker was Chairman of the Committee which advocated the purchase in 1915, when the cost of the plant was estimated at £250,000,0000 and £300,000,000. Since then, however, the Government has interfered drastically with the production of spirits. The Daily Express asserts that further great restrictions in the manufacture and sale of alcoholics are certain in the immediate future, whether or not the purchase plan is put into effect.

Reids' Boats.

Argyle left Paradise at 9.45 a.m.

esterday, outward. Clyde. No report. Dundee left Wesleyville at 5.10 p.m. esterday. Ethie left Lark Hr. at 10.15 a.m. resterday, going north.

Glencoe arrived at Port aux Bas

o.m. yesterday. ues at 8.30 a.m. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques

at 8.30 a.m.

Wren leaving Clarenville to-day. Meigle at St. John's.

WHERE BAYBERRY CANDLES COME FROM.

It was the women of Hingham, that quaint old Massachusetts town, that first brought down from their attics their grandmothers' old candle molds and began making the sweet smelling and began making the sweet smelling green bayberry candles for a few appreciative people who wanted them to burn in homes furnished in antiques. The women of charming old Deerfield, in the same state, shortly followed suit, and then the housewives of Cape Cod saw their opportunity, all of them using the molds that had been in the towns for generations

The jumper tailor-made is a very attractive kind of garment, being made like a loose Russian corselet slip, embroidered and edged with fur.

DIED.

On December 28th, after a long and edious illness, the beloved wife o Samuel Hussey, aged 23, leaving husband, father, mother, brother and sister to mourn their loss; funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence Franklin Avenue; friends and acaintances will accept this, the only,

intimation.

Passed peacefully away this morning, Ethel Jane, beloved wife of Mr. Benjamin Tulk, and daughter of Mr. Benjamin Tulk, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons, of Newtown, Bonavista Bay, aged 27 years and 10 months, leaving a husband, father, mother, four brothers and two sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 73 Long's Hill; friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice. One of the brothers is now with the Nfd. Regigiri preferred against Herbert Ivany, aged 16, was continued to-day in pri
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Hr. Grace Notes.

The very high tide yesterday and lose considerably.

nusic on the occasion.

Miss Minnie Noseworthy arrived

A number of young people who are Fasion Plates. attending the various colleges in St ant visit home.

from St. John's on Saturday on a visit to her parents, Capt. Thomas . and

Christmas Day was fine and very enjoyable, but yesterday was very disagreeable owing to the downpoor of

The young ladies of the -Harbor Grace Boot and Shoe Factory, under the management of Mrs. Burton, the forelady, held their Patriotic Tea in St. Paul's Hall last night. The tea was well patronized and the handsome sum of \$162.00 was realized. The Britration, but resigned owing to shah band was present and added to the pleasure of the evening. Mrs. Burton and her help are to be congratulated PARIS, To-day.
George Dufayel, founder of the way of our townspeople and also on the patriotic spirit that prompted them to plan a good help for the lads who are now in the trenches doing so much for us.

Mrs. Mark Sellars received a letter few days ago from her son Walter S. Sellars, R.N.R., who is "somewhere" on a ship named H. M. S. Canning. Walter is quite well and looking forward to spending his 18th birthday among the "tars" He wishes to thank eir argument. The Express the ladies of the Harbor Grace Patri-Sir Thomas Whittaker, mem-otic Association for the parcel of cigotic Association for the parcel of cigarettes, candy, &c., just received by him.

CORRESPONDENT. Hr. Grace, Dec. 27, '16.

Train Notes.

The incoming express left Port aux Basques on time this morning.

The local from Carbonear reached for a 4-year size.

Here and There.

The members of St. Andrew's Choir will not meet for practice until Sunday morning after ser-vice.—dec29,1i

THE SUSU.—The s.s. Susu left Gander Bay at 2.20 a.m. to-day, com-

NFLD. BRITISH SOCIETY NOTICE.—Owing to Monday, Jan. 1st, being a General Holiday, there will not be any meet-Home leaving Lewisporte to-day.
Sagona left Port aux Basques at 8

day, there will not be any meeting of the Society that night, but the Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1917. By order of the Executive, J. M. CARBERRY, Secretary.—dec29,2i

J. J. St. JOHN.

Before Flour goes higher put in your stock.

1500 barrels on hand and to arrive, of best brands.

Pork, Beef, Jowls. Spare Ribs at \$19.00 brl., or 10 lbs. for \$1.00.

Molasses—1st runnings.

Tea, Sugar, Kero Oil. Oats, Bran & Cattle Feeds.

Our ECLIPSE TEA is the best in Newfoundland

J. J. ST. JOHN Duckworth St. and LeMarchant

Obituary.

The very high tide yesterday and to-day did considerable damage in this harbor, particularly about the wharves. Several provision dealers, whose cellars were flooded, will also home, Newtown, Bonavista Bay, as a bride to make her home here in the city. The happiness of Mr. and Mrs. The members of the "Rising Sun"
L. O. L. attended Divine service at the Methodist Church yesterday, and a most appropriate sermon was preached to them by Rev. A. A. Holmes, the December 29, 1916. dec29,2i

The members of the "Rising Sun"
L. O. L. attended Divine service at the Methodist Church yesterday, and a most appropriate sermon was preached to them by Rev. A. A. Holmes, the pastor. The choir rendered special wished to take her. She was of a very quiet disposition and at her very quiet disposition and at he former home was an earnest church Miss Nellie Taylor, daughter of Mr. Edmond Taylor of the South Side, arrived by last night's train from Boston and will stay with her parents to an an arrived by last night's train from Boston and will stay with her parents to be sister still reside at Newtown and one brother with the Nfid. Regiment now at the front, and one sister in this city.

The Home Dressmaker should keep a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Pat-tern Cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from thise to these

BOYS' MIDDY SUIT.



1764-This design is a popular style, good for wash and woolen goods. It makes a very comfortable school and play suit. Blue serge with soutache braid, or white linen with simple stitching for a finish would be very suitable. The blouse is provided with an adjustable shield. The Pattern is cut in 5 sizes: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 years. It requires 3% yards of 27 inch material

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

A JAUNTY MODEL FOR SCHOOL



1911-Juniors' Dress. This style is good for galatea, percale, gingham, chambi y, serge, gabardine, checked and plaid suitings. The waist and skirt may be finished separately or joined under the belt. the skirt is gored and arranged in smart plaits. The Pattern is cut in 3 sizes: 12, 14 and 16 years. It requires 41/2 yards of 44-inch material

for a 14-year size. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

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FRIDAY Corduroy

Perhaps you're thinking the Rink. What more of duroy Velvet. We have Myrtle, Brown and Cardin winter weight Dress G buy. Special, per yard,



Collars.

The fashionable doub style in assorted heights in front, 4 fold Linen. A take to on sight. Reg. quality. Year-End Sale

Men's Everyday

High-grade Negligee Sl ed cuffs and neck band perfectly shaped, perfect every attention given to sible detail. Shirts tha well and look well. F Year-End Sal Price

White Fron

Reversible White Lines tra good make. Just a fe Special, Year-End S a Price

"Colgates" Week End Packages.

A handy get up for travellers; contains tube Cold Cream, tube Dental Cream, Talcum Powder and 1 cake Soap; reliable goods, neatly boxed; Year-End Sale 35C

PICK UP Rock

Pillow Cases.

Extra strong, plain deep hem at open end, x 32; clearing out 5 d these, the last of th these, the last of the Y e a r-E n d Sale Price

Pillow Shams.

A mixed line of these with strong White T Lace and Insertion, in designs, and finished pretty embroidered Spra others with Shadow lace ners. Regular to 80c. Year-End Sale Price..

Glass Cloths.

Fine White Linen Craschen Cloths, size 21 x 28 broad crimson border, good quality. Reg. 20c. ***