

# CHRISTMAS MAILS TO SOLDIERS VERY HEAVY

### Already the Rush at the St. John Post Office Has Broken Previous Records—Postal Clerks Busy.

The mails this year are very heavy through the St. John post office. This was the statement made by a member of the staff yesterday, the increase due largely to the Christmas boxes being sent overseas by relatives of boys at the front by different churches and organizations. During the last year the amount of mail matter handled in the St. John office has increased enormously and keeps the staff on the jump all the time to get it out on time. It took 120 sacks to hold the parcels mailed for the soldier boys two weeks ago and last week it required 185 sacks to hold them all. This is an increase of over 100 per cent. over last year as the last Christmas mail last year consisted of 850 parcels while there were nearly 2,000 parcels in last week's mail.

This was practically all St. John mail, as the parcels from Fredericton, Woodstock and the North Shore all went to Montreal this year instead of coming here as they did last year. While the authorities advertised that they would not promise delivery in France of parcels mailed later than November 15, in time for Christmas, there will be quite a heavy mail this week as the parcels were coming in at a lively rate yesterday.

# CANADIAN LOSES PIG PREMATURELY

### Wilson Man Bet Porker on Election, but Gave it up Too Soon—Now Hog is Pork.

South Royalton, Nov. 22.—Joseph Perrault, a Canadian, and John Wheaton, attempted to clean up an election bet. Perrault is a Wilson man and Wheaton was for Hughes. The farmer bet a pig against a flock of hens on the re-election of the president.

On the Wednesday morning following election day when Hughes' election was conceded by the Metropolitan dailies, Perrault, supposing he had lost took the porker to the house of Wheaton and said: "Here's your pig, I'm no assayer even if he is."

Not having a good place to keep the squealer Wheaton sold the pig to a butcher for \$15.

When Wilson's star became ascendant and his election was practically conceded by everyone but Chairman Wilcox of the Republican National Committee, Perrault decided to take a hand in the proceedings. So he made a call on the Hughes supporter and told him he guessed he would take the stock of hens and also lead the porker back home.

The news was then broken to him that the pig had gone to pork. Wheaton is to either give Perrault another pig or the equivalent, \$15 in cash.

# THANK THE GRAND TRUNK FOR FINE HANDLING OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S TRAIN

The Secretary of State of Canada has expressed to the Grand Trunk his appreciation of the excellent manner in which the special train carrying the Governor General was operated between Montreal and Ottawa on the occasion of His Excellency's arrival in Canada. The Duke of Devonshire used the Grand Trunk's lines on his first official railway journey in the Dominion.

Mr. Thomas Mulvey, Under Secretary of State, in a letter to the Grand Trunk says: "I have been instructed by the Secretary of State to thank you for the efficient manner in which the Governor General's train was handled at St. Henri and on to Ottawa. Every possible attention was given, and nothing had been overlooked. It is very satisfactory to the Secretary of State and everyone concerned that the first trip of His Excellency should be taken under such favorable conditions."

An inquiry from the Yukon. From the Yukon to New Brunswick is a far cry, yet one man who is at present in the Yukon is inquiring about New Brunswick farms with a view to settling here. William T. Weeks, a Government telegraph operator in the Yukon, has written several times to James Gilchrist in regard to New Brunswick farms, and Mr. Gilchrist has forwarded to him maps and general information regarding conditions here. Mr. Weeks, who is an Englishman, does not expect to leave the Yukon for a year yet, and then he is coming here to look the place over and will probably make up his mind to settle. Evidently the fame of New Brunswick as the land of homes is spreading all over the continent, as numerous inquiries have been received from all parts of America during the last year for farms.

# MOTHER MEETS ACCIDENTAL DEATH WHERE SON KILLED

### Mrs. Smith, Mother of Charles Smith, of Yarmouth Bar Killed Five Weeks Ago, Falls Into Water and Dies from Exposure.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 22.—The accidental deaths of mother and son at the same place at Yarmouth Bar within five weeks form one of the strangest stories ever chronicled in this province. Last month Charles Smith was killed at Yarmouth Bar by coming in contact with a live wire. Last night his mother met her death by accident at the same place. Mrs. Smith had been living with her son, Thomas. Yesterday Thomas came to town to do some errands, returning between five and six o'clock. His mother saw him coming and went to the wharf to meet him. She started to throw him a rope and lost her balance. He seized her almost immediately, but as she was a heavy woman he could not lift her from the water until help arrived. He held her so that she escaped drowning, but when she was taken out about ten minutes afterwards the intense cold had penetrated her system and she was unconscious. She died in a few minutes. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late William Nickerson, and was born in Port Saxon seventy-two years ago. She had been a widow about two years. She leaves two sons, Frederick and Thomas, both of Yarmouth, and three daughters, Mrs. Angus Atwood of Baccaro, Mrs. Wm. Logan of Halifax, and Miss George of South Brantford, Mass., also two sisters, Mrs. Christina Perry of Black Point and Mrs. Sarah Snow of Baccaro. The body will be taken to Port La Tour for interment.

# G.P.R. FREIGHT STRIKE SETTLED

### Mayor Church Brings Company and Men Together in Toronto—Men Get Advance of 2 Cents an Hour.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Nov. 22.—The Canadian Pacific freight handlers' strike in Toronto has collapsed, the men returning to work without any terms from the company. Their demands for an increased rate of wages was subject of a meeting today between the mayor, who acted as mediator between the company and the men and Mr. Allan Purvis, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the company voluntarily granting an increase to hourly men of two cents per hour. The strike collapsed owing to the ability of the company to handle all freight offering, and the sympathy of the general public being with them on account of the very fair manner in which they offered to arbitrate the dispute either under the Lemieux Act or local friendly arbitration by the business men of Toronto, both of which were refused by the men. The men have to thank His Worship Mayor Church, who interceded with the company on their behalf in bringing about a settlement of the unfortunate strike.

# HEAVY CROP LOSS IN UNITED STATES

### Cold Wave of Last Week Spreads Havoc Throughout Many States.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Widespread and severe damage to crops in the west and south was done by the record breaking cold of Nov. 19-17, the weather bureau announced today in a special bulletin. Practically no harm to fall southern grain was reported and the damage to cotton was slight, but in California, tomatoes were a total loss and truck suffered except in a few sections.

The cold wave spread southward from Alaska on Nov. 10, driving temperatures down to new low marks and during the week following causing freezing weather and frosts all the way south and east to southern Florida.

"While a large part of the sweet potato yield had been harvested, in Mississippi," says the bulletin, "there was much injury to the unharvested and vines were reported killed in some other sections of the south. White potatoes were slightly damaged in Louisiana."

Truck in northern South Carolina was killed and most tender truck in northern and western Florida, Louisiana, Texas and other southern states was killed, while in California tomatoes were an entire loss. There seems to have been but little damage to fruit in the south.

English Mail. An English letter, parcel and newspaper mail will close today, November 23; letters at 9 o'clock, parcels and newspapers, 2 o'clock.

# WIFE FINDS RELIEF, TOO!

Lachute Mills, P.Q. My wife was troubled for many years with Kidney Disease, and a friend told me to take Gin Pills. After taking a few boxes I was greatly relieved and after taking the seventh box my wife was cured by let me say. My wife is now using Gin Pills and she says she has been greatly relieved of the pain over her kidneys. I can safely recommend any one suffering from Kidney Disease to give a fair trial to Gin Pills.

All druggists. A box of 6 boxes for \$2.00. NATIONAL DRUG & CHEMICAL CO. OF CANADA, LIMITED 60, QUEEN STREET WEST, TORONTO.

## Gin Pills FOR THE KIDNEYS

# CAR SHORTAGE IN WESTERN CANADA ACUTE

### Situation, However, is Not as Serious as in United States—Government Investigating.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 22.—A large number of complaints have been received by the railway commission as to scarcity of cars on the lines of the Canadian Northern Railway in the west with the result that with full elevators the farmers are in some instances unable to market their grain. The daily average of cars transported over the system is much lower than last year and the commission has sent Mr. George Spencer its chief operating officer to the west to look into the matter.

The Canadian Northern accounts for the apparent falling off of efficiency in several ways. It points out that the grain crops last year were well distributed and therefore the average distance of transportation was much less than this year. This year the shorter hauls are comparatively few. Weather also has hindered transportation as well as loadings by the farmers. When cars are placed and a few bushels put in, the company can do nothing until the loading is completed. The company also claims that the other traffic demands of the provinces have greatly increased.

The railway commissioners point out that the car shortage is not confined to the lines of the Canadian Northern or to western territory. The Canadian Pacific, for example, has an absolute car shortage in connection with the elevator movement. However, the car situation in the Dominion is not so acute as in the United States, which is aggravated by the fact that a large number of Canadian cars have not been returned by the American to the Canadian railways.

Major Lewis Montreal Editor Killed. Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Hon. F. B. McCurdy, secretary for the militia department, has received a private cable confirming a report that Major John S. Lewis, of the Grenadier Guards, has been killed in action.

Major Lewis, who resigned the editorship of the Montreal Star to go overseas with the Grenadier Guards, was one of the best known newspaper men in Canada. He was born in Tennessee forty-two years ago and graduated from Harvard and Chicago universities. He went to Montreal about twenty years ago and was successively on the editorial staffs of the Gazette, Herald and Star.

# Children Had Eczema Doctors Failed to Cure

### Two Letters Which Prove the Efficiency of Dr. Chase's Ointment as a Cure for Eczema.

Fortunate are the mothers who know the virtues of Dr. Chase's Ointment, for there is no treatment so suitable for use after the bath to relieve irritation and chafing and to thereby prevent eczema and similar skin diseases.

Mrs. W. L. Barnes, Toronto, Ont., writes:—"I want to tell you about the case of my little boy, who had baby eczema when he was three months old. It started on the top of his head, on his forehead and around his ears. The doctors failed to do him any good, so I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment on the recommendation of a friend, and in a month's time the child was entirely free of this disagreeable skin disease. He is now four years old, and has never had any further trouble from ailments of this kind. I also have great faith in Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and believe that it cannot be beaten as a restorative for pale, nervous women."

Mrs. George McNair, River Charles, N. B., writes:—"We use Dr. Chase's Ointment in our home, and would not wish for anything better for cuts, burns and bruises. A few years ago a friend of mine, whose baby was terribly afflicted with eczema had her child treated by their own family physician, but the little one got no better. They tried several remedies, but they all proved useless in this case. Upon the advice of a neighbor they got Dr. Chase's Ointment, and before the first box was used the child was completely cured. I can also recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to suffering friends who I know will be glad to learn of something to relieve their nervous trouble. You have my permission to use this letter for the benefit of others."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

# BRITANNIC, HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK

### Mammoth White Star Liner, of 47,600 Tons, Goes Down in Aegean Sea—Nearly All Probably Saved.

Athens, Nov. 22, via London.—The White Star Line steamship Britannic, sister ship of the Titanic, serving as a hospital ship for wounded soldiers of the Entente Allies, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official announcement made here today. The Britannic was sunk off the island of Keos, southeast of Attica in the Aegean Sea. She carried 1,000 British sick and wounded men.

The Britannic was equipped with 35 lifeboats, and the loss of life incident in the sinking is supposed to have been small.

More Than 1,000 Saved. London, Nov. 22.—The British hospital ship Britannic has been sunk with the loss of about fifty lives, says a British official announcement today.

The Britannic was sunk by a mine or a torpedo yesterday morning in the Aegean Sea. There were 1,105 survivors, of whom about twenty-eight were injured.

Full particulars will be published as soon as received. It was reported in a special dispatch from London on December 1st that the 47,600 ton White Star liner Britannic, then recently completed, would be used as a hospital ship by the British government, making her the largest hospital ship in commission with an equipment of 6,000 beds.

Last June, however, it was reported in a news despatch from Liverpool that the Britannic had been returned to the White Star Line for restoration into a passenger steamer.

No Americans Aboard. New York, Nov. 22.—The statement was credited today to the British consulate in this city that American nurses and surgeons were aboard the British hospital ship Britannic, reported sunk today in the Aegean Sea, but later it was denied by the ranking consular official that there was any basis for the statement.

SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE. Messrs. J. T. Knight & Co. advise that the first steamer of the Elder Dempster South African service is expected here about December 10 to sail December 20. The first steamer of the New Zealand line, S.S. "Paratiki," is expected here about December 5, to sail December 15. The Lamport & Holt steamers "Mentelle" and "Mollere" are due here about December 5 to 8 to load for Continental ports.

# BEST FOR LIVER, BOWELS, STOMACH, HEADACHE, COLDS

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