

CANADA AND U.S. HIT BY CAR DEARTH

(Western Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—Asked regarding the car shortage in the United States and the probability of the extension of it to Canada, a railway official who has just returned from the United States, after looking into the problem, gave out the following statement:

"The monthly bulletin of the committee on relations between railways and the American Railroad Association in the month of September showed a gross shortage of 57,822 cars and net shortage of 14,281 cars in the United States, the largest ever reported on that day. The only other net shortage previously recorded was that of 1907, the first year of the compilation of these statistics.

"From the standpoint of statistics the car situation today is no more encouraging than it was early last spring, when the eastern freight accumulation conference was called and demurrage rates were called and increased. Embargoes have been placed on shipments to a number of eastern ports on account of congestion and eastern roads now have in their possession about 100,000 cars more than they own, with the result that the carriers in the remainder of the country are having difficulty in furnishing equipment to take care of their business.

"On September 20, 1916, there were 24,042 Canadian Pacific cars on American railroads, 21,504 of which were box cars, the result being that so far as the Canadian Pacific Railway is concerned there is a shortage of cars for handling local traffic in their own lines, and notwithstanding the fact that every effort possible has been made to get American lines to return this equipment, very little has been accomplished so far in this connection.

"There is a severe shortage of box cars in the western portion of the United States, and there is a severe shortage of coal and box cars in the territory controlled by the Central Freight Association. The United States Interstate Commerce Commission and various state commissions and other organizations of shippers in Canada and the United States have issued circulars urging cooperation to the end that equipment be kept circulated as rapidly as possible. State commissions have likewise called hearings with a view to determining ways and means of alleviating the car shortage.

"There is serious shortage of refrigerator cars throughout the United States, especially in the fruit-growing districts. How much more serious the situation will become is, of course, a matter of conjecture. Mild weather during the remainder of the fall would do much to facilitate the movement of cars. In some respects the movement of this year constitutes less of a spectre to railroad men than it did last year, when the crops were unusually heavy, although the problem confronting the transportation officials is a difficult one. The car congestion in the east is due rather to the tremendous increase of business activity than to lack of shipping facilities, as is generally supposed. Business has increased faster than it can be disposed of, resulting in a general accumulation which impedes traffic throughout the entire territory. No doubt, the East needs all the cars which it now has and many more, but it lacks sufficient trackage and adequate loading and unloading facilities.

"Although freight cars are obviously designed for transportation purposes, there are still many shippers who find it economical to use them for storage purposes. No time is better suited to start a return than the present, when necessity dictates that every means be used to increase the circulation of equipment and every effort should be made by shippers to keep cars moving by quick loading and unloading, and in car space should be conserved by loading to capacity if possible. No shipper can afford to assume a selfish attitude in connection with the handling of equipment at a time like the present, as all cars held for an unnecessary length of time, either for storage or on account of carelessness, will reduce the total number of cars available and make it increasingly difficult for all shippers to be supplied with stuff.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Royal.
L H Cascarden, Toronto; S D Simmons, Fredericton; R A Spowball, Chatham; S Gregor, Portland; T Butler, Montreal; L A Kelsey, W. Townsanda, New York; E A Beer, St. Stephen; David Townsend, River Glade; C S Nevelson, New York; W G Hannah, Montreal; Fred Gartman, K. F Tompkins, R M Davis, New York; D F Maxwell, St. Stephen; W E House, Rochester; A Alcorn, Blackville; H A Murphy, New York; N R Norman, Moncton; F A Willard, Woodstock;

MEMBER OF 165TH DIES IN HOSPITAL

Pte. B. Babineau of St. Louis, Northumberland County, Passed Away Yesterday After Brief Illness of Pneumonia.

The officers and men of the 165th Battalion are mourning the loss of a popular and manly member of the battalion, Pte. B. Babineau, whose death took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the military hospital, after an illness lasting but twelve days.

Only last week his brother, Rev. Father Babineau, arrived in the city from St. Louis, Northumberland county, to pay a visit but thinking that the lad would recover he returned home. Death was due to pneumonia, contracted several days after the arrival of the battalion in St. John. He was popular both with the men and officers, who will mourn his death. Although the deceased soldier did not die on the battlefield he was prepared to pay the price of his own convictions, and will be buried with full military honors.

The 165th Band Concert.
Major Legere has completed the arrangements in detail for the band concert to be held in the Imperial on Tuesday night in aid of the 165th regimental fund. Besides the talent in the band, the ranks of the French Canadian unit lay claim to several accomplished artists. They will also take part in the entertainment, featuring musical numbers. The boys are expecting a crowded house, and it is hoped that their expectation will be realized. The band under the instruction of Bandmaster Sergeant L. L. G. is making special preparations for one of the finest musical concerts ever held in St. John.

Military Notes.
Ward Patterson, famous football star during his career at the University of New Brunswick, who achieved success as a school teacher in the province, and later as a lawyer in the West, passed through Moncton this week en route overseas with the Universities Battalion.

It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: The 164th and 170th, Ontario Battalions; the 172nd, British Columbia Battalion; draft of mounted rifles.

Lieut. R. McLaren, of the 140th Battalion, has been transferred to the 26th. He is a nephew of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade.

Local Casualties.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Woodrow, 61 Market Place, West St. John, has been saddened by an official announcement from Ottawa that their son, Driver Eugene E. Woodrow, died on Wednesday. He was wounded in the thigh at the battle of the Somme on September 16, and was sent to the First General Hospital in Cambridge, England. At first he made a favorable progress and, in a letter received from him only on last Monday, he said that he was well enough to be out and around the grounds.

Word has just been received that Private A. Audette, son-in-law of J. A. Alcorn, 147 Queen street, was wounded in action on October 2 and is at present in No. 13 General Hospital, France. Private Audette was a popular lad of the 69th Battalion with which regiment he crossed to England. Anxious to get to the front he was transferred to another battalion.

DIED.

GRAHAM—At Scotchtown, on Nov. 1st, Miss Amanda M. Graham, in the 78th year of her age. Funeral at Scotchtown Saturday, Nov. 4th.

WALLER—At Hampton, on the 1st instant, Mrs. George Waller, in her seventy-second year, leaving husband, one daughter and two brothers to mourn. Funeral will be held today, (Friday), at 2:30 p. m.

TAYLOR—At Rothesay, N. B., on November 31st, John F. Taylor, Esq., in his 84th year. Funeral on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; coaches will leave Worden's stables at 1:30.

COY—On November 1, Sarah E., aged 77 years, leaving two sons and two daughters. Funeral will take place Friday from the residence of her son at 247 St. George street, West St. John, to Collins Corner, Kings County. Service will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. at the house.

COURT—At his residence, 536 Main street, on the morning of the 1st of November, William Phillips Court, aged seventy-six years, leaving his wife to mourn. Funeral on Friday from his late residence. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock.

CARD OF THANKS.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wilson, and Mrs. R. S. Wilson wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy shown them during their recent bereavement.

DEUTSCHLAND DAMAGED ON TRIP ACROSS

New London, Conn., Nov. 2.—Bags of mail brought across the seas by the German undersea merchantman Deutschland, which arrived yesterday, were brought ashore today. During this forenoon little work was done upon the cargo.

Shortly before noon Mayor E. E. Rogers, President M. T. Milner of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, and about 50 members, constituting a committee, waited upon Captain Koenigsberg, who was a conference on the pier, and the captain accepted an invitation to a dinner to be given by the Chamber of Commerce, the time to be fixed later. The party was then divided into knots of five, and each went to the submarine and looked it over. Later, those favored with this chance for inspection stated that what they saw was mostly machinery.

Captain T. A. Scott, of the Scott Wrecking Company, sent a diver down alongside of the Deutschland, and he reported that there were no human remains in the anchor bulkhead, small holes in the anchor bulkhead, those were probably made when the anchor dented the shell of the craft. The holes had caused some leakage on the trip over.

SOLDIERS HAD TO CARRY CHILDREN.
Many Belgian 'Kiddies' so Overcome by Starvation that they were Unable to Walk Alone.

Terrible details of the food famine in Belgium have never been made more clear than through the recent information given out through an Amsterdam, Holland, newspaper, when by special arrangement the Belgian Relief Committee succeeded in getting 700 children into Holland, there to find foster parents for them, for the time being.

"Some of these," says the writer, "were so weak that at unloading the train at Rosendaal, they had to be carried by Red Cross soldiers."

Month upon month of poor nutrition has worn these little bodies to mere shadows until those mothers who are left are willing to give up their children in the hope of their finding the health and happiness that should be the lot of childhood.

These kiddies have been starved to the verge of death, they are innocent victims of the German invader of their country, the Teuton who not only made their playgrounds the camping place of soldiers but wrecked their homes, violated their mothers and robbed them of their food and then laughed because their allies did not feed them.

These are the cases that the Belgian Relief Committee asks your fathers and others of Canada to help relieve. The opportunity is here and the place to send help to buy food is your local Belgian Relief Committee or Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

N. B. SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE NOBLE RESPONSE.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Nov. 2.—Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, said that up to date he had received about \$600 from the various school districts throughout New Brunswick, this amount being proceeds of entertainments that have been held by school children in response to an appeal sent out some time ago for funds to assist Belgian children now residing in that part of Belgium held by Germans. The school children have responded nobly to the appeal, and as many entertainments have not been held as yet the fund is likely to be far in excess of what was anticipated.

PRISONER HAD POLICE RECORD IN ST. JOHN.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Nov. 2.—A soldier named Cook was arrested here tonight and will appear in the police court tomorrow on several charges. He is alleged to have insulted an officer of the 236th Battalion. Cook who has a police record in St. John, is a Prince Edward Island man, and when arrested put up quite a fight with the officers.

Patriotic "Bonnet Hop."

There will be held at St. Andrew's rink on Monday night, November 6, an old fashioned "bonnet hop" under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter I. O. O. E. Those who attend are assured of a pleasant evening and at the same time they will be helping some of the patriotic funds. The admission will be 50 cents and the proceeds will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were \$1,646,136, corresponding week last year, \$1,647,000.

Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$67,165,238, compared with \$58,970,534 for the corresponding week last year, and \$39,481,622 in 1914.

Toronto, Nov. 2.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$81,459,590; last week, \$50,075,355; a year ago \$47,821,971.

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