

## ASK WILSON TO END WAR BY "PEACE"

Unique Letter to President  
From British Pacifist Who  
Opposed Conscription.

New York, Dec. 22.—A girl who came to America as a messenger from Bertrand Russell, a British pacifist, famous as a philosopher, delivered to the American neutral conference here today an open letter from Mr. Russell, addressed to President Wilson, appealing to him to "bring peace to Europe." The letter was sent by messenger to evade the British censor. The name of its bearer was not disclosed, through fear of making trouble for her should she return to England.

Three members of the conference committee, George Foster Peabody, Paul Kellogg and Miss Emily Greene Balch, were selected to carry the letter to President Wilson, and left here tonight for Washington.

Mr. Russell, who is the heir of Earl Russell, was a lecturer and fellow of Trinity College Cambridge, recently was fined \$500 for having written a pamphlet opposing conscription in England. He also was prohibited from coming to the United States to lecture at Harvard, and was forbidden to enter any prohibited area in London.

In his letter, Mr. Russell asserted that it was within the power of the president to "bring the war to an end by a just peace," and that "the United States has the power, not only to compel the European governments to make peace, but also to reassure the populations by making itself the guarantor of the peace."

## VANGUARD'S HOUSES

Another beautiful Vanguard dwelling has been recently completed and is attracting a great deal of attention. It is situated on Wright St., at the head of Stanley St., where it can be seen to great advantage and makes a decided improvement in the appearance of that locality.

When the fact is known that these dwellings, so attractive in appearance, and having such numerous advantages over wooden frame constructions can be built for a small advance over the cost of wooden houses, there is no doubt that we shall see more of these cozy, fireproof homes building.

At Madam, N. B., the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have erected extensive shops and railway buildings during the past few months. Their contractor, Mr. H. Post of Woodstock, states that the Vanguard system is something he has been looking forward to for years, and the C.P.R. engineers express themselves as greatly pleased with the construction. We learn from good authority that there is a strong probability that the Vanguard system will be adopted by them for further railway building in the future. The fact that a big corporation like the C.P.R. are constructing on this system proves conclusively the merits of the style of construction, their shops requiring great strength of side walls which they found this method gave them.

St. John has too many wooden houses and the fire menace is constant and insistent; it will therefore be a great relief to those who have the cares of protecting us from conflagrations, such as Summerside is now suffering with, to see the introduction of concrete buildings into this city and suburbs.

The introducers of this system of building into the Maritime Provinces, Messrs. Gandy & Allison, tell us that besides the Wright St. house, they have built a third dwelling at Lancaster Avenue, which will be furnished and occupied on the first of May next, also United Baptist church annex at West St. John, and that they have an extensive programme of building operations for the new year.

Arrested for Fighting.

Last night two Austrians, N. Tanzer and George Tanzer, were arrested for fighting in a house on Pond street. One of the men received several nasty gashes from a knife in the hands of the other in the back of the neck. A doctor was summoned and dressed the wounds.

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## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS STATEMENTS FROM TWO OF THE LOCAL MILK DEALERS

F. D. A. Boyle, of Red Head, and Primecrest Farms Submit  
Figures of Their Business. — Mr. Boyle's Statement Shows Him to be Losing \$3.30 per Day. — Primecrest People Declare They Cannot Estimate Cost of Delivery and Commissioners Wonder.

After the City Council had finished the business to come before it, yesterday afternoon, the members resolved themselves into the committee of the whole and took up replies from the milk men. The session was brief as Commissioner McLellan had to leave at 4.15. The statement of F. D. A. Boyle, Red Head, was the first taken up and according to his statement, which was not sworn to, he is losing \$3.30 per day on his milk route.

He is a producer and handles about 120 quarts per day, 32 of which he sells wholesale at 8 cents and 88 quarts at retail at 10 cents per quart. He does not buy milk only when he is short. He gives as the cost of production:

Food & Meal	Hay	Roots	Labor	Delivery	Total
\$5.40	\$3.26	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$14.66

Receipts 32 qts. at 8cts, \$2.56; 88 qts at 10 cts, \$8.80. Total, \$11.36

Loss on each day's operations ..... \$3.30

He gives as the cost for December, 1915, the following figures:

Food & Meal	Hay	Roots	Labor	Delivery	Total
\$3.68	\$3.50	\$1.60	\$1.65	\$2.50	\$12.78

FROM PRIMECREST FARMS.

They next took up the answer from the Primecrest Farms, Ltd., to which affidavit had been made.

They were doing both a retail and a wholesale business, and sold about 120 cans a day in each department. They sold the milk at from 48 to 64 cents per can wholesale, and at ten cents per quart retail. They handled about eight cans of cream per day wholesale at \$2.40 per can, and 5 cans per day retail at \$3.20 per can.

This item came in for considerable criticism as the commissioners were of the opinion that this was a very small amount for a concern the size of Primecrest, and one of them made the statement that some of the firms recently absorbed by Primecrest had handled much more cream than that.

They produced about 400 quarts per day of the milk which they sold at their farm, which was located at Primecrest, and bought the balance of what they used each day from other parties.

They paid 44 and 45 cents per can for their milk and the freight added to this brought the cost up to 47 or 48 cents per can landed in St. John. Their cream cost them \$2.20 per can landed in St. John. In answer to the questions in regard to cost of delivery they claimed that it was impossible to give a correct estimate of this cost.

This item also came in for considerable discussion and it seemed to be the opinion of the commissioners that any good business man should be able to tell the cost of his delivery system.

As the time had come when Commissioner McLellan had to leave the committee adjourned and will take up the matter again on Tuesday next.

## ITALIAN AIR-FORCES BOMBARD POLA PORT

Rome, Dec. 22, via Paris.—An official announcement by the Italian admiralty today says:

"A section of our hydro-airplanes threw bombs on the military works and warships at the port of Pola. All our hydro-airplanes returned safely, notwithstanding they were subjected to a violent cannonade and attacks by enemy aircraft."

## FEDERAL WORK ONLY FOR R. N. W. POLICE.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Royal North-west Mounted Police will do no more provincial work until after the war at any rate. The men of this famous force are required for federal and special war work. The provincial governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan will therefore have to do their own policing. The change has been rendered necessary owing to the additional boundary patrol work necessitated by the war, and it has also been found difficult to keep the force up to strength owing to the number of enlistments by men who only joined the force for the three years' term.

## ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE ASKS POWERS TO PURCHASE STOCK.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A notice appears in this week's Canada Gazette to the effect that application will be made to Parliament by the St. John Board of Trade, next session, for power to enable that body to invest its funds in the purchase of stock of the St. John Board of Trade Building Company, Ltd.

The game was well contested with the Specials in the lead for three. The next game will be on Wednesday when the Nationals and Sweeps will cross bows.

The scarcity of khaki clad men on the streets for the past several days has been very noticeable. There are not more than 400 soldiers in the city. One would almost think that peace had been declared to visit the different military quarters in the city. The men who are remaining on duty during the Christmas holidays will not miss their Christmas dinner, as arrangements have been made so that each member will partake of a special dinner. In conversation with an officer of the Siege Battery on Partridge Island last night The Standard was informed that elaborate preparations were being made for the men who were remaining for the holiday season. Turkey dinners are also being planned for the troops at West side, and the numbers of the 165th Battalion at the Army.

There were no recruits secured in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. McCaskay arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCaskay, Douglas avenue.

## HON. H. A. CONNELL SERIOUSLY ILL

Prominent Woodstock Resident Who Held Portfolio Under Blair Government Stricken With Paralysis.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Dec. 22.—The Teachers' Institute for Carleton and Victoria counties closed this afternoon. It was one of the most successful meetings yet held by that body, 145 school teachers being present and much valuable information was brought out during the discussion. Dr. W. S. Carter was among the chief speakers. The following officers were elected this afternoon: F. B. Meagher, president; Beattie Fraser, vice-president; W. S. Daley, secretary-treasurer. Additional members of executive, Beattie Fraser, Mrs. E. L. Long, Hon. H. A. Connell, one of Woodstock's best known citizens, is confined to the house with a paralytic stroke and owing to his advanced age fears are entertained for his recovery. He held a portfolio under the Blair government and was mayor of the town on several occasions. Many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

## FUNERAL OF FORMER ST. JOHN WOMAN

Mrs. G. Herbert Lamb  
Daughter of Late Henry  
Rowan of St. John, Buried  
at St. Andrews.

A. M. Rowan returned yesterday from St. Andrews, where he had been attending the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. G. Herbert Lamb, of that place. Mrs. Lamb was a daughter of the late Henry Rowan, well known in this city. She had made her home in St. Andrews for many years, and was one of the best known and respected residents of that town.

Her death took place in New York, where she had gone for an operation which proved unsuccessful, and the body was brought to St. Andrews and the funeral held from All Saints' church on Thursday. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. G. H. Elliott.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Dorothy, four sisters and three brothers.

## ARBITRATION CASE CONTINUED.

Before Chief Justice McKeown, in the Valley Railway arbitration proceedings, Ross Thompson testified yesterday that while the Valley Railway was being used in connection with the Transcontinental it was also to connect with a line of railway running through Maine. Had the road been completed from St. John to Grand Falls the railway would have been a paying proposition. P. R. Taylor, K. C., for the government, asked the witness if it was not true that the Valley Railway stock would have been worthless if the government had not taken the road over and worked it on the forty per cent basis. Mr. Thompson said that it was quite correct that if the government had not taken the road over the Valley Railway stock would not have been worth very much.

## Pedestrians Narrowly Escaped.

About 8.15 o'clock last evening a piece of ice, weighing about fifty pounds, was dislodged from the roof of the Hotel Dufferin, falling to the sidewalk. Several people passing by had narrow escapes but, fortunately, no one was struck by the falling ice.

Mrs. C. W. Joy, of Rosedale, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Minihan, Coldbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banks, of Annapolis, N. S., and family are spending the holiday with Mrs. Banks' mother, Mrs. E. J. Carpenter, 50 Winter street.

## DIED.

FARNHAM.—In this city, on the 21st instant, at his residence, 194 Charlotte street, Charles E. Farnham, aged 64 years, leaving a loving wife, four sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday, the 23rd instant, from his late residence. Service at 2.30 o'clock.

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## SCHOOLS CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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Readings and Addresses in  
the Schools—Presentation  
of Prizes for Good Work.

Special to The Standard.

The closing of the schools for the Christmas vacation was as usual an occasion for presentations and congratulations. The High School auditorium was crowded in the morning and a fine programme of music, readings and addresses was provided. The prizes presented were as follows:

1. Grade XI, prize of books, leader of class 1916, Horace Wetmore.

2. Parker silver medal, highest marks in mathematics, Sam. McCav.

3. Grade X, Governor General's silver medal, highest marks, Doris Barnes. Presented by Rev. Ralph Sherman.

4. Prize of books, second in grade X, Marjorie Manning. Presented by Superintendent Bridges.

5. Grade IX, Alumnae gold medal, highest marks, Marjorie Fitzpatrick. Presented by Mrs. G. A. Coster.

6. Grade XI, Ellis gold medal, best English essay, Vivian Dowling. Presented by Rev. Mr. Dowling.

7. Grade XII, Fortnightly Club prize of books, highest in English. Gwendolyn Ewing. Presented by F. A. Dykeman.

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