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Passing of A Correspondent.

To a large circle of acquaintances the announcement of the death of Mrs. J. C. McDonald of East Concord brings genuine sorrow and many readers of The Caledonian will miss, as a letter from home, the weekly report she has for years sent to this paper. To our mind Mrs. McDonald possessed many desirable qualities as a correspondent for a country newspaper. She lived in a small community where but few large events took place and she never had the opportunity to become a great writer. But she kept herself well informed regarding the minor and common events taking place in her vicinity and faithfully reported them to the paper that they and their friends, wherever located, might know about them. She felt that many readers were depending upon her for the news from her village and she worked most faithfully not to disappoint them. She always tried to tell the news about everyone because she realized each person has friends who would like to read about him. Another principle she adhered to was not to exploit those things that would discredit her community. Death has stopped her work but her friends and relatives can always feel that she had performed her task faithfully and well. Her passing is a distinct loss to this paper for which she labored so diligently and well.

Mrs. McDonald's death is the only one of this year to occur among the correspondents of the paper. Mrs. Curtis Dickinson of East Barnet and Mrs. Mary Goodwin of Wells River, who corresponded for the paper until compelled to give up the work on account of ill health, passed away last year. Each of these was able to suggest worthy successors in their work, but Mrs. McDonald did not give up the work until stricken by death. Mrs. John I. Folsom has been engaged to carry on the work she did so well.

Another correspondent who stands out among the corps of faithful workers for this paper is H. A. Blake of Sutton, who has just completed his forty-seventh year as correspondent for The Caledonian and who is still alert and faithful in recording the daily and common events of his neighborhood. We take this occasion to express one thought on the work of the local correspondent of the country newspaper. He or she writes all the printed record of at least eighty per cent of the residents of their community. Very small is the number of people in these small communities whose names are printed in anything but the local paper. Thus these correspondents are local historians and with them lies the question of how much of the country history shall be preserved in printed form. In this respect their work has a dignity that should not be degraded or ignored by their fellow townsmen. The work of the country correspondent should always be honorable and, if to honor can be added the faithfulness, the sympathy, the efficiency that Mrs. McDonald put into her work, it can truly be called great.

Adopt Successful Methods.

With wonderful alacrity Congress is passing bills for military preparedness. The army has been raised to full strength and the house and senate are getting together on a bill increasing the size of the standing army, the national guard and the creation of something in the form of a continental army. So far so good, because there is little likelihood of this country getting an effective army before it will be needed in Mexico.

But we do not like the method adopted in increasing our military strength. The United States evidently is to try the system that has uniformly proved expensive, inefficient and in its earlier stages of actual warfare very costly in life and prestige. It is the paid volunteer army. England has tried this and at the opening of the Boer war was unprepared. It met with costly and humiliating defeats. The failure of the machine guns to work when the regular troops of the United States wanted to use them against the Villa bandits at Columbus,

New Mexico, reminds one of the experiences of the Russian army in the Russo-Japanese war or of the French army in the Franco-German war in 1870. In each case the paid armies were not prepared and were unable to do effective offensive or defensive work.

Another system has shown very different results and that is the universal military training of Germany. That has shown Germany prepared to strike first and strike hard the first time. The German system was wonderfully successful in the war against Austria and against France when each of those countries was whipped before they could prepare to defend themselves. The German army may not win in the present war because it is faced with the armies of too many powerful nations but it has surprised the world with its tremendous force and its ability to drive hard and fast in any campaign it has undertaken. Japan was wise enough to adopt the German method and astonished the world when it defeated Russia. Although its government is honeycombed with corruption and inefficiency the Turkish army which has been trained and developed under the German system has shown itself the most effective part of the Turkish nation in its fighting today and in the Balkan war. Belgium developed a wonderfully effective army under the German plan. In fact all through Europe where the plan of universal military training has been adopted we find the best armies and in many respects the most progressive nations.

These facts strengthen our belief that the preparedness issue in this country will never be successfully solved until we adopt the system that has proven the most successful in the world history. United States should be in condition to get a force of 5,000 men across the Mexican border in less than a week but its paid volunteer system did not enable it to. It did not give it an army worthy of the name at the opening of the Civil war or at the opening of the Spanish-American war and it gives no promise of better results in the future. We should break away from the failures of the past and adopt the only system that has proven uniformly successful in the rest of the civilized world. Let us compel universal military training as a part of a citizen's obligation to his country, detect and eliminate the terribly expensive features of the present brass button factory, and we shall be able to defend ourselves against all comers. We cannot longer afford to be blind to the lessons of actual experience in other parts of the world.

Our Foreign Relations.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge in an address before the Republican club of Lynn, Mass., made a very plain statement of the failures of the foreign policies of the Wilson administration. On the 21st of October, 1915, the Secretary of State, in a note to the British government, speaking, of course, in the name of the President, said:

"It is of the highest importance to neutrals not only of the present day, but of the future, that the principles of international right be maintained unimpaired."

"This task of championing the integrity of neutral rights, which have received the sanction of the civilized world against the lawless conduct of belligerents arising out of the bitterness of the great conflict which is now wasting the countries of Europe, the United States unhesitatingly assumes, and to the accomplishment of that task it will devote its energies, exercising always that impartiality which from the outbreak of the war it has sought to exercise in its relations with the warring nations."

Sen. Lodge said: "Brave words! You will find no lack of bold language in despatches to the British government, where there is nothing at issue but trade and dollars, where the administration thinks that votes may be gained and none lost, and where they feel assured there is little danger of war."

Sen. Lodge again: "But out of this miserable tragedy of Mexico one thing arises and commands our attention above all others. Americans have been murdered in Mexico; soldiers wearing the American uniform have been shot on the soil of the United States. It is, I be-

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lieve, speaking within bounds to say that some 400 Americans have been killed in Mexico. If you add those that fell at Vera Cruz, you will find that more American lives have been lost in Mexico than were lost in the Spanish war, under the operations of the President whose great glory is proclaimed to be that he has kept the peace."

Sen. Lodge said much more that will become classic in the discussions of the coming campaign, but these expressions emphasize the failure of Pres. Wilson to perform the duties of neutrality. It may develop that Sen. Lodge has shown himself so well informed on foreign relations of this country that his name will be considered in the list of republican candidates for the presidency.

Very recently the fortieth anniversary of the first call by telephone by Alexander G. Bell to Thomas Watson in Boston was observed by the erection of two tablets on the buildings in Boston between which the first message was conducted. Anyone predicting at that time such a general use as such a reasonable price as people now enjoy would have been called a visionary creature. During the fortieth year of its use the transmission of messages by wire across the continent has been developed and wireless or radio transmission made possible. In the annual report of Pres. T. N. Vail of the American Telegraph and Telephone company in answering the question, will the wireless ever take the place of wire systems in the transmission of speech? he says: "So far as any present knowledge or any present indications govern, the answer may be an emphatic 'No!' Still the development of a practical wireless system within the next forty years would be no greater advancement than has been accomplished in the past forty."

The report of the Lamolle Valley Cow Testing association for the month of February shows that a registered Holstein cow owned by E. A. Baker of Greensboro produced 1,738 pounds of milk and 86.4 pounds of butter fat during the month. We do not recall another cow in Vermont that has equalled this record in the published reports of cow testing associations. The nearest approach to her record for butter fat in that association was the registered Jersey cow, Orsena, owned by the T. G. Bronson estate, that produced 60.1 pounds of butter fat. That these cows are in good company is shown by the fact that forty-four other cows in that association produced in excess of forty pounds of butter fat. This is a very good advertisement for Vermont cattle and should awaken new interest in the dairy business in all sections of the state.

The presidential primary so far indicates a desire on the part of the people to have the convention select the republican candidate for president. In the middle west the republicans have declared for Fairbanks and Cummings, evidently with the knowledge they will not appear important in the national convention. In New Hampshire the only candidate for delegate at large who had announced his adherence to any presidential candidate was defeated two to one by delegates who had not announced the man they should vote for. It is probable just this thing will be done in the Vermont primary. The voters will not have the opportunity to vote for the man they want for president, so they will allow the state convention to elect delegates to go to Chicago and exercise their own judgment in the choice of a nominee.

It looks as though the terrible German drive against Verdun is a failure. If it is, it is the beginning of the end of this terrible war. So many German lives have been sacrificed in this fight that Germany cannot put another force of equal strength into the field. It cannot produce big guns fast enough to fill the gaps made by the French. Of course the French have met with terrible losses but the Allies have a larger reserve force to draw upon than Germany can possibly have now. It is improbable the German army will be driven back into its own country but it cannot advance and soon will be unable to stop an advance against it. The Germans undoubtedly are wise enough to sue for peace before that time comes. The outlook is growing more encouraging daily and autocratic imperialism has already done its worst.

"Three or four hundred thousand individuals hanged, butchered, impaled down there, hardly count."

These words were not spoken by President Wilson on the massacre of the Belgians or slaughter of Americans in Mexico, but by Metternich, the Austrian statesman in 1824 when the Turks were slaughtering the Greeks. But they show us that but little progress has been made in the past century in the protection of neutrals or our own citizens in Mexico.

If it is true as stated in an exchange there is a man in Vermont who produces regularly Northern Spy apples that sell from ten to fourteen dollars a barrel there is another opportunity to do big things in Vermont. Don't forget young man that you can do just as big things in Vermont as anywhere else if you will only work for it, and then pitch in and work for a bigger Vermont.

Seventy years ago it is said the life insurance companies in England charged an applicant for life insurance who said he was a total abstainer an increased premium because they considered him an extra hazardous risk. The attitude toward total abstainers today shows what a healthy education there has been in the effects of alcohol.

Editor Davenport of the Springfield Reporter, who recently gave us a little free advertising of our livestock, is cordially invited to come up and see the Jerseys. We have got some pretty good ones and it is rather pleasing to watch them "chew their cud."

LUNENBURG

Farewell Party Given Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Breittling—Several Deaths.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Breittling left on Monday afternoon for New York city, and on Wednesday sailed for Galveston, Tex., going from there by rail to Temple, Tex., where the doctor will enter practice. On Thursday last 25 children, all but one of whom had been introduced to this world by Dr. Breittling, clubbed their nickels and dimes, purchasing a camera, and going to the doctor's office headed by little Ruth Morrow and Persis Parker, gave the gift "With the love of the children of Lunenburg Corner." They were treated to candy kisses, and at their request the doctor played the piano for them and Irene Ball also played a solo. Saturday evening the G. A. R. hall was filled by the older friends of Dr. and Mrs. Breittling, many being kept away by illness and the bad roads, who would have been glad to be present. A purse of money was given them, the presentation being made by Charles W. Turner. Dr. Breittling responded and was much gratified by the feeling of the people and spoke especially of the gift of the children. A social evening followed, punch and wafers being served by Mesdames Turner and Curtis, and at a late hour, after the singing of some of the old songs, a line was formed and all took the hands of the doctor and his wife, with a farewell of regret, but wishes for success and happiness in their new home. During the past 19 years there are few homes in the vicinity where the doctor has not proved a kind friend as well as skillful physician, while Mrs. Breittling, although comparatively a newcomer, has made many friends.

George G. Temple, county road commissioner, is very ill with pneumonia at the Heights House where he was taken from the rooms which he occupied in H. F. Warren's tenement, with Dr. Leith of Lancaster as attending physician and Miss Dodge, R. N., of Lancaster caring for him. Much anxiety is felt by all his friends.

Edward Burt passed away on Saturday morning after a short illness with pneumonia. He went to the station last week Saturday with milk, and was taken very ill on his return home. He was very ill from the first, the doctor giving very little hope of recovery. Doctors Breittling of this place and Leith of Lancaster attended him, and a nurse from Concord, N. H., cared for him. The deepest sympathy is felt by all the community for the wife and two small daughters who were so devoted to the husband and father. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at his late home.

William McLaughlin who was 83 years of age and a life-long resident of the town died from pneumonia at his home on Pond hill on Wednesday. Mass was said at St. Leo's Catholic church on Friday morning by Father Carrier, and the body placed in the receiving tomb at Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin had been married a little over 58 years and 12 children had been born to them, all of whom are living, this making the first break in the family. All but one of the children, Mrs. Elizabeth McMann of Lancaster, Que., were present at the funeral, also Miss Elizabeth Fife and Messrs. Albert Fife, Herbert and Robert Pingree of Berlin, N. H., grandchildren of the deceased.

Once again for the fourth time within a week death has entered our community, Thomas Fournier who has been ill with tuberculosis at his father's home in West Lunenburg for several months dying on Sunday afternoon. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Wormwood were called to Topsham on Saturday to attend the funeral of a near relative. Mrs. George Houston and two children of Plymouth, N. H., are visiting Mr. Houston's sisters, Mrs. Cora Gee at South Lunenburg, and Mrs. Maud Murtaugh at the Corner.

Misses Ruth McKay of Montpelier seminary and Lila Townsend of Plainfield came on Saturday to be the guests for a week of Mrs. Warrnie Simonds and Miss Marjorie Bell.

The St. Patrick's day social given at the Town hall on Friday evening under the auspices of the two Aid societies was well attended considering the bad state of the roads, and the games and stunts were much enjoyed by all the participants. R. Beardsworth of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a business visitor in this place

and Fitzdale last week, making the Cottage hotel his headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carr of St. Johnsbury drove Sunday to the Heights House to see their uncle, George Temple, who is ill there. W. R. Bell was in Guildhall on Saturday on business connected with the coming road commissioners' meeting to be held in that place.

EAST BURKE

A Real Estate Deal—Much Sickness in Town.

(Mrs. B. F. Humphrey, Correspondent.)

Miss Beth Hoffman from Lyndon spent the week-end at Adna Smith's. Roy Smith has bought Eugene Hunter's farm and Mr. Hunter is moving to the Bundy farm that he recently purchased of Eli Eastman.

Mrs. Ethel Legay is keeping house for Mrs. George Bunting while she is in Lyndonville with her daughter, Mrs. O. K. Lang.

I. D. Bemis is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Noyes, in Nashua, N. H. Mrs. F. E. Temple spent a part of last week in St. Johnsbury with his sister, Mrs. Ellen Gle.

Grover Allard is gaining quite fast from his recent severe illness. A. E. White has returned to his home in Montpelier after spending a week at the home of W. H. Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lucia were business visitors in West Burke Monday. The Epworth league meeting Thursday evening will be held in the League room as usual. Leader, Miss Gladys McNally; topic, "A World Program for the League."

H. D. Webster and Mrs. George Kittredge are ill with the prevailing distemper. Mr. Kittredge, who has been ill with the same disease is able to be out.

Mrs. Mabel Vance is working for Mrs. A. I. Rose who is sick with an attack of appendicitis.

Otto Gordon has finished work for George Hubbard and is visiting friends in Lyndon.

Ernest Mathers has finished work for Frank Counter and went Monday to Montreal where he has accepted a position.

C. E. Harris has not been as well the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Root were business visitors in St. Johnsbury Wednesday.

There will be union services next Sunday morning at the Methodist church with special music. The Rev. and Mrs. Keeling and Harris Jenks leave Monday for conference in Montpelier. Rev. Mr. Keeling and wife will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Heath during their stay there.

The Ladies Aid met this Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Mattie Welch. Mrs. George Bunting is in Lyndonville helping care for her daughter Mrs. O. K. Lang and baby son.

Mrs. Hattie Wright and son Orril are at their home here for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Webster were visitors at Herman Burpee's in Lyndonville Friday.

Mrs. Harvey Horner visited friends in Montpelier a part of last week.

John Fyler is quite sick with the grip.

Dennis Rivers from Lyndon Center is papering and painting at Willie Jenkins' and Charles Foster's.

Miss Marjorie Root visited her sister, Mrs. Lottie Leach, in Kirby, a part of last week.

Miss Lizzie Jenkins is quite sick with tonsillitis and liver and stomach trouble. Mrs. Emily Jenkins is caring for her.

Mrs. Dana Coe is sick with the prevailing distemper.

Mrs. I. A. Rose is quite sick. Leighton Phillips is ill with bronchial trouble. Oscar Phillips has the grip.

Miss Amy Buntington has finished her school in East Newark and is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buntington. Mrs. Maggie Smith and children spent Sunday in East Haven with Mrs. Ed Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Keniston and family are visiting at Bert Jenness' in Barton.

Mrs. John M. Carder from Meredith, N. H., spent last week with her sister,

Miss Carrie Mitchell, at Sam Fitzpatrick's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills and two children from Lyndonville are visiting his sister, Mrs. A. B. Colby.

Willoughby Valley Pomona met with Burke Mountain Grange last Tuesday night. The 5th degree was conferred on 15 candidates. Their officers were installed for the ensuing year. A bountiful supper was served to 130 and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

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Explains Why Coffee Hurts Many

Dr. W. A. Evans, prominent Chicago physician, who edits the "How to Keep Well" columns of the Chicago Tribune, said in that publication, under date of March 7, 1915:—

"Coffee is a drug. Those who are addicted to its use are drug addicts." "From the standpoint of public hygiene the coffee question is worth while. It is the most widespread form of drug addiction."

Some coffee drinkers go on for years without seeming harm, but with others the telltale effects of the drug, caffeine, in coffee, show in various ills and discomforts, such as headache, biliousness, indigestion, nervousness, sleeplessness and heart disturbance.

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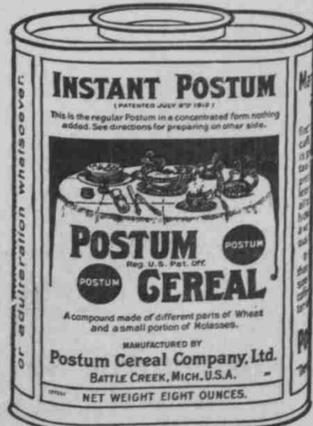
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