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Call 100,000 Men At Once.

The Caledonian believes Congress should authorize and instruct the president to call 100,000 men to military service at once, the men so called to be divided among the different branches of service as required to bring each department into a state of preparedness and efficiency. The term of enlistment should be three years and the men called promoted to officers upon their merits.

For months the matter of preparedness has been agitated but nothing has been done to give the country preparedness. Congress has authorized an increase of about 20,000 men to the regular army but no such addition has been made. The painfully impotent condition of our navy, the only organization that could defend us from attack by a foreign foe, has been made common knowledge, but the senate has passed a bill authorizing a government armor plate plant, an act that will make impossible any addition to our naval strength for years. Meanwhile we have been attacked on American territory by a Mexican bandit, American citizens have been massacred both upon our own soil and in Mexico. Germany has brazenly violated her pledges to respect the rights of American citizens and is openly engaged in a campaign of extermination of neutral citizens upon the sea. Germany seems to be making a slow but steady advance against Verdun and defeating the allied powers of Europe. If Germany wins the world is at her mercy and the women and girls of the United States would be undergoing the unspeakable horrors that have been perpetuated upon women-kind in the path of their invasions of Europe. America has acted, effectively we trust, for the punishment of Villa but it has not raised a hand to prevent unrestricted outrages upon American citizens by Germany, and Germans believe we are too cowardly to do so. It will not change its policy until it is convinced we are able to compel her to do so. On the contrary, it will further humiliate and offend the country that will not defend itself. Despite these facts Congress waits upon the president and he is potteringly investigating each individual outrage and allowing this country slowly to drift into a disastrous international war.

The country is not prepared to equip 100,000 men for actual service, not prepared to send a fleet to sea to destroy an invading host, not prepared to man the coast defenses, not prepared to construct battleships, submarines, aeroplanes, anti-aircraft guns, not prepared to supply ammunition or to mobilize large armies. It will not be prepared for any of these things unless our congressmen are ready to subordinate personal politics to national necessities. If we wait until the country is prepared for all these things before we call for the men we shall never get the men.

We sincerely hope that the 100,000 men to be called for military and naval service would never have to fight a single battle but they would give this country a nucleus of trained men who could act in case of necessity. We believe such a force would be the strongest guaranty of peace and honor the nation could have. The hazard of unpreparedness must be evident to all. To leave the country exposed to it would be a crime as black as the treason of Benedict Arnold. This country must act or fall. Therefore we appeal to every member of Congress without regard to political affiliations to act for the safety and honor of his country. Give us preparedness in men, in equipment and in training that will ward off murder, insult, destruction and give us power, honor and protection.

Editor Tobin of the Swanton Courier has pulled off another original stunt. The enterprising people of Swanton gave him \$8.31 worth of advertising for one week and he came out the next week with a four-page paper saying that was as good a paper as the advertisers were paying

for. His paper came out with eight pages the next week. An eight-page paper should be a good servant for Swanton merchants, if they are only live enough to use it.

Possible Help For Farmers.

After years of investigation and agitation congress has before it for consideration a National Farm-Loan Act known as the Moss-Hollis Bill that in law this promise may be enacted into law. Unless prevented by the more serious business of considering our foreign relations the house will begin consideration of this measure next week. The title of the bill sets forth these objects:—To provide capital for agricultural development, to create a standard form of investment based upon farm mortgage, to equalize rates of interest upon farm loans, to furnish a market for United States bonds, to create government depositaries and financial agents for the United States and for other purposes.

The bill provides for a federal farm loan board and under its supervision twelve land banks are to be organized, one in each of the twelve districts into which the country will be divided, each bank to have a capital of not less than \$500,000. These land banks are to make the loans, receive and deposit with the registrar the mortgages that secure them and issue bonds against the mortgages. These bonds are to bear a low rate of interest—one per cent lower than the interest on the mortgage—and be exempt from taxation. It is expected the rate of interest on the bonds will be four per cent and this will be the net income to the owner of the bonds. The loans are to be made through local loan associations made up of ten or more persons who desire to borrow money. They must approve of the loan before it will be granted by the land bank and accept a certain liability for its payment. The local loan associations must become stockholders of the land banks to the extent of five per cent of the loans made to their members, each one of which must hold at least one share in their local association. The loans cannot be for more than fifty per cent of value of the mortgaged property. The loan can run from five to thirty-six years, the interest and a portion of the loan paid every six months, enough so the loan will be entirely paid at the expiration of the term for which it is made. It is expected the rate of interest on these loans will be five per cent, not much of a saving for a Vermont farmer, but in the West and South where they are paying ten and twelve per cent, a great saving.

The bonds will have back of them: The personal obligation of the borrower; the real estate mortgaged, carefully appraised to be worth twice the amount of the loan; the indorsement of the local association or agent of the Federal land bank; the capital—not less than \$500,000—and surplus of the Federal land bank; the guaranty of all the Federal land banks (12); the approval of the bond issue by the Federal Farm Loan Board; the protection of Government supervision similar to that of the national banks; the amortization payments which the borrower is obliged to make at every interest-paying period, thereby increasing the security, or rather diminishing the debt, constantly toward the vanishing point.

The purposes for which loans can be had are clearly set forth to be: To provide for the purchase of a farm for a home. To provide for the purchase of equipment, fertilizers, and live stock necessary for the proper and reasonable operation of the farm, the term "equipment" to be defined by the Federal Farm Loan Board. To provide buildings and for the improvement of farm lands. To liquidate indebtedness of the owner of the land mortgaged existing at the time the loan association is established or incurred for one of the aforementioned purposes.

Senator Fletcher of Florida in discussing the measure said of the bill: "One of the first effects will be to reduce the charges, expenses, commissions, and interest now borne by the farmers of the country on loans, about one-half. This will save to them an annual outlay of some \$200,000,000. "No industry of the country has

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**CONFERENCE OVER**  
Assignment of Methodist Ministers In This Vicinity—Statistics For The Past Year

The annual session of the Vermont Methodist conference held at Montpelier was brought to a close with a short service Monday morning, after many meetings of great interest to the denomination. The report of the statisticians showed that in Sunday schools there was a decrease of two

Sunday schools, increase of 27 officers and teachers; increase of 113 scholars; decrease of 74 members in home department; increase of 303 children cradle roll; decrease of 29 in average attendance of all grades; decrease in officers and teachers who are members of church; increase in collections for church and Sunday school and a decrease in Sunday school offerings for missions.

There was paid last year for support of pastors, including house rent, \$87,971; for district superintendents, \$4,558; for support of bishop, \$1,258; for support of conference claimants, \$2,344; total for ministerial support, \$95,584.

There were 326 adults and 393 children baptized the past year; the church membership is 11,357. There are 140 1/2 churches valued at \$794,950, 109 1/2 parsonages valued at \$210,800; paid for buildings and improvements \$81,499; paid on indebtedness on churches and parsonages \$6,590; present indebtedness on them \$47,541; current expenses \$15,891.

The following were elected delegates to the general conference to be held at Saratoga, N. Y.: The Rev. E. W. Sharp of Brattleboro, superintendent of Montpelier district and the Rev. William Shaw, pastor of the Montpelier church; alternates, Superintendents W. N. Dukeshire of St. Albans and R. F. Lowe of St. Johnsbury. An assessment of 25 cents a member of every church in the conference was voted without discussion, the amount derived to be used for general educational purposes.

Four candidates were admitted: George W. Turner, Isaac Miller, Robert Haseltine and Arthur W. Atwood, and were ordained, Bishop Hamilton giving them a brief talk. The following were placed on the retired list: The Revs. A. B. Blake, S. O. Brigham, P. E. Currier, G. A. Emery, H. F. Forrest, A. A. Esterbrook, Albert Gregory, Joseph Hamilton, G. O. Howe, G. S. Hulbert, F. M. Miller, C. W. Morse, C. S. Nutter, F. H. Roberts, G. L. Story, J. H. Wallace, N. W. Wilder, G. H. Wright.

The appointments for the coming year were read Monday morning and included the following: St. Johnsbury district, R. F. Lowe, supt., St. Johnsbury. Adamant, supplied by A. W. Hewitt. Albany, I. P. Chase. Barre, D. G. Lipsy. Barton, I. A. Ranney. Bloomfield, to be supplied. Cabot, J. S. Crosby. Canaan and Beecher Falls, W. C. Christie. Concord and Victory, Albert Abbott. Coventry, supplied by L. E. Taylor. Craftsbury, C. D. Pierce. Danville and West Danville, M. H. Sharpley. Derby, O. J. Anderson. East Burke and East Haven, supplied by E. W. Sturtevant. Evansville and Brownington Center, David Hickland. Glover, George L. Wells. Greensboro Bend and Stannard, H. E. Howard. Groton, P. W. Lewis. Guildhall, to be supplied. Hardwick, G. H. Redding. Holland and Morgan, supplied by E. B. Harris. Irasburg, C. W. Kelley. Island Pond, O. E. Barnard. Lowell, supplied by I. L. Morgan. Lunenburg and East Concord, John Robinson. Lyndon, Fred Wilcock. Lyndonville, R. H. Moore. Newbury and Newbury Center, to be supplied. Newport, H. W. Hunter. Newport Center, supplied by G. C. McFarland. North Danville, to be supplied. Orleans, W. S. Smithers. Peacham, A. R. Greene. Plainfield, A. W. Hewitt. St. Johnsbury, G. A. Martin. St. Johnsbury Center, supplied by R. F. Wilcock. Sheffield and Wheelock, Frank Oldridge. South Albany, supplied by I. P. Chase. Waits River, J. Green. Walden, supplied by J. T. Angell. West Burke and Newark, G. W. Douglass. Westfield and North Troy, Frederick Krackhard. West Topsham, to be supplied. Westville, supplied by F. W. Lewis. Williamstown and Brookfield, G. W. Keeling. Woodbury, supplied by O. L. Barnard.

D. G. Lipsy assigned to Barre was received from the Maine conference and H. W. Hunter assigned to Newport comes from the Newark conference. At the meeting of the laymen's association and lay electoral conference of the church the following officers were elected: President, Senator W. P. Dillingham; first vice-president, Hon. Frank Plumley of Northfield; second vice-president, R. N. Millett of Springfield; third vice-president, B. F. Moore of Newport; secretary and treasurer, Sanford A. Daniels of Brattleboro.

W. E. Lance of Plainfield and Frank Plumley of Northfield expressed the opinion that the general conference would be asked to change the title of district superintendent back to the office of presiding elder. They also favored dividing the conference into two districts instead of three, arguing for change largely on the ground of economy and that the work would not be impaired thereby. In amplifying Mr. Lance's remarks, Mr. Plumley said the visits of the district superintendent could in many instances be supplied

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by sending out blanks to the churches. Supt. Lowe's Report. In his report, Supt. R. F. Lowe of the St. Johnsbury district characterized the past year as a time of "unusual ministerial stringency" and a period of "unexpected victories." Under the heading of material improvements the superintendent refers to the construction of a \$70,000 edifice for Grace church in St. Johnsbury, repairs to the church at Newport Center, changes at Holland, Island Pond, South Albany, Albany, Lowell, West Burke, Lyndonville, East Lyndon, Irasburg, Plainfield, Danville, Peacham and Greensboro Bend; and also a new pipe organ at Orleans.

Some of the churches have slightly increased their minister's salaries and frequently the ministers are paid weekly. Endowments are generally well invested. The debt of the district parsonage has been wiped out. The ladies aid societies are given great commendation by the superintendent. Evangelistic work has not been allowed to suffer amid the other activities, and Superintendent Lowe reports considerable progress along that line in many of the towns. In closing his report, Superintendent Lowe made two suggestions, the first of which was to have the minister and the laity get together and determine to destroy the bad habit of talking down the Methodist church, of picking flaws and looking on the dark side of things, and the second of which is to have a definite objective for the conference and for each individual church. "The church is not here to save itself but to save the world. The pastor is not here to save a little coterie of people called saints or church members. We must either earnestly attempt to save the community and the world or to spend our lives fruitlessly."

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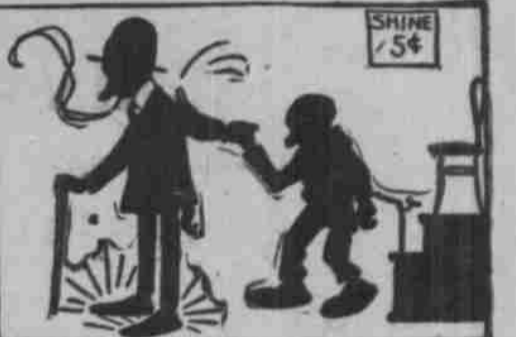
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**WEST WATERFORD**  
(Mrs. E. A. Blodgett, Correspondent.) Mabel Fisher is working for Mrs. George Worrill at West Waterford. Miss Helen Cushman returned Sunday after visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cushman, a week. Mr. and Mrs. George Worrill are rejoicing over the birth of a son March 23. Fred Taylor has moved to the R. W. Remick farm.

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