

GENERAL BOOTH.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army Arrives in Victoria.

An Immense Audience Hear Him Speak on the Darkest England Scheme.

Yesterday was a grand field day with the Victoria corps of the Salvation Army. With banners waving and bands playing they marched to the outer wharf to welcome General Booth, their commander-in-chief, on his arrival from the Sound. The Victoria soldiers were reinforced by the Nanaimo band, which united with the local army band and played inspiring airs along the line of march.

After all the preparations made for the reception in the city hall at half-past four, a delay at Seattle and a head-wind in the Gulf made the general's arrival late in arriving, and it was not till after 5 o'clock that he reached port. There was a long, cold and uncomfortable wait, but the Salvationists kept the band music going and made the best of it. When the Kingston arrived, the general was met by the Victoria corps, and hearty welcome in their leader's honor. On stepping ashore the veteran general was received by the army and by Hon. Mr. Justice Goss, whose guest he is to be during his stay.

Without delay the procession marched to the city hall. People had been waiting there for an hour or more, and when the procession arrived, there was not sufficient standing room for all.

Mayor Teague led the way to the platform, followed by General Booth, his A. D. C., Col. Lawley, Hon. Mr. Justice Goss, Mr. W. J. Dowler, city clerk, and the aldermen.

"Fire a volley" came the order, and a shout rose from the soldiers, the big drum boomed and the band bugles sounded. He wore the Army uniform and his appearance was exactly as the many portraits with which almost everyone has become familiar. He was a tall, thin man, with a long, straight nose, and a pair of eyes that seemed to look straight into the soul of every man who met him. He was dressed in a simple, dark suit, and his manner was that of a man who had seen the world and was not at all daunted by it.

"Why don't you show him on the platform where everyone can see him?" shouted somebody from the back of the densely crowded apartment.

"O! he's here," replied the Mayor, while General Booth with a smile rose and stepped himself about for the benefit of the people, who applauded and laughed.

The City Clerk then read the city's address as follows:

"To General Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army:

"The undersigned, the Mayor and members of the municipal council of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, desire to extend to yourself and those accompanying you on the occasion of your first visit to this city, a sincere and hearty welcome."

"We observe with interest and satisfaction that municipal and other representatives of the city have gathered around you, and we trust that you will find in them a hearty and sincere welcome."

"It is not difficult to discern in these expressions the willing tribute offered by all classes and creeds to one who, in the brief space of twenty years, has gathered around him a mighty host of followers, and who has left the impress of his genius upon the social life of the age."

"It is gratifying to believe that the tribute is one that has been inspired by a common sympathy with the comprehensive and far-reaching purposes, the benevolent and intensely practical measures for affording succor to human woe, alleviating human misery and countervailing human evil, which have marked the time and progress of the great organization known as the 'Salvation Army.'"

"Upon the vital question, partly social and partly political, connected with your scheme, statesman and political economist, poets and novelists have expended their best efforts and propounded diverse theories, regarding the feasibility of which, in many instances, opinion seems to be equally diverse."

"Impelled by a great moral earnestness and integrity you have grappled with these problems, and in your famous work have given to the world a solution that has won the respect and admiration of thoughtful minds in every quarter of the globe."

"With a proportion at least of what you have been pleased to call your 'world-wide enterprise,' we claim to have something in common."

"The relief of distress, public morals, the care of the aged, the infirm and the destitute are subjects which by legislative enactment come within the scope and function of municipal government. That these might also be added duties relating to the prevention of crime and misdemeanor and the means by which men and women are made and kept good citizens."

"Whether these responsibilities are imposed as a legal necessity, or assumed as a moral obligation, that they are sufficient in themselves to invite the application of wisdom, ripened by experience, no one will deny."

"It is, therefore, with special interest that we give you welcome, believing that your visit to this city will excite a more general and personal concern in the practical operation of these principles and methods, which in the development of your scheme, have proved a revolutionary power."

"In conclusion, we are pleased to know that the financial support accorded to your great undertaking has been so widespread and generous."

"Your scheme will be recognized as a further assurance that the movement originated by you, which in many of its essential features is unparalleled in the history of mankind, is destined to reach its fullest consummation, and that the cause of the world's benefactor, General Booth, will live in the reconstructed lives of millions as a grateful and an imperishable memory."

Numerous other addresses were to have been presented, but, probably owing to the crowd, those in charge could not get forward when the invitation was given.

General Booth was tired, and said he was pleased that there were no other addresses to be considered. He thanked the Mayor and citizens for the welcome and for the kindly feelings pervading the address. Such expression of sympathy with his work had been given him all round the world, and he hoped that his life would be prolonged so that he could do more for the world and the redemption of his fellow men. The needs of this work were becoming more and more

pressing and would require the attention of the state to deal with. He very briefly spoke of the pleasure his visit to Eastern Canada had given him, and said he had long looked forward to this trip to British Columbia. He closed his remarks by invoking God's blessing on the people of Victoria.

Col. Lawley, the General's A. D. C., at the request of his chief offered up a very brief prayer and the proceedings terminated. Though the addresses and the various societies were not formally presented, that of the W.C.T.U. reached the General a little later, for as the party left the platform Mrs. Grant handed it in. General Booth drove to the residence of Mr. Justice Goss for dinner before the great meeting at the theatre in the evening.

"DARKEST ENGLAND."

The General's Review of the Inception and Progress of the Work of the Army.

The Victoria theatre was not big enough to hold all who last night desired to hear General Booth tell of "Darkest England." The Army turned out in full strength, being 1,500 strong upon the stage, the bands in front. Half-past seven was the hour at which the proceedings were to open, but owing to the delay of the boat in the afternoon it was impossible for the General to arrive on time. To wait away the wait the band played and the army sang some of their characteristic hymns.

A shout of welcome from the soldiers hailed the entrance of General Booth's party, headed by his son, Commander-in-Chief of the Victoria corps, who only arrived last night from the East.

Hon. Mr. Justice Goss took the chair, with General Booth at his right. In the front row with them sat Hon. Mr. Justice Goss, Rev. P. McF. Macdonald, Senator McInnes, Hon. J. H. Turner, Mr. W. J. Dowler, Ald. Dwyer and Chief of Police Sheppard.

Led by Commander Booth, the audience roared a rousing hymn was sung. Col. Lawley prayed, the soldiers at intervals exclaiming "Hallelujah," "Amen," "Praise God," "Yes, we do love Jesus," and other fervid expressions. He prayed for the success of the great plan the army were pursuing and called for a blessing on the work.

Hon. Mr. Justice Goss greeted with hearty applause. It was, he said, with the greatest pleasure that he acquired himself of the honor which had fallen to his lot to introduce to the people of Victoria one of the most illustrious men of the age—General Booth, the chief of the Salvation Army. (Cheers.) The Salvation Army was not a new sect of religion or a new church in any sense, but an institution, philanthropy, unique in its character and world-wide in its scope. Christened by General Booth himself some 18 years ago—when he was a young man of 18, and a student of law at Lincoln's Inn, London, he had now spread itself throughout the world. During that year alone the Army had afforded succor to close on three millions of wretched, stray, and homeless people.

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THE CASE OPENED.

Peter Bellinger on Trial for Selling a Child into Slavery.

The Prisoner's Previous Record—An Interesting Page From His Past.

The preliminary hearing of the case of Peter Bellinger, charged with selling a child into slavery, opened yesterday before Magistrate Mackay in the provincial court. The accused was not represented by counsel and appeared perfectly calm and collected. He was a tall, thin man, with a long, straight nose, and a pair of eyes that seemed to look straight into the soul of every man who met him. He was dressed in a simple, dark suit, and his manner was that of a man who had seen the world and was not at all daunted by it.

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When the charge against Peter Bellinger was taken up last Monday the accused asked for a remand in order to retain a lawyer. He was granted the remand, and the adjournment was granted.

An effort was first made to elicit his story from the boy, but the child, confused by the attention attracted to himself and the night of many strange faces, was useless as a witness.

He was given a seat in the witness box at first—from which he slid at once to the floor, where he saw greater opportunities for play. Then, after a few moments, he came back to his seat on the bench, remarking as he did so that Arthur was now without doubt the youngest magistrate in the empire.

His rapid elevation into the position of a judge's clerk, he seemed doubtful as to whether he should laugh or cry. Finally he decided that he wanted to play, with Mr. Huesey as a companion, the Superior Court having taken his place beside the magistrate in order to make the proceedings more interesting.

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Two Days of Married Happiness—Then the Destruction of the Home by Fire.

Mr. J. K. Smith's Serious Charge That a Rival Set Torch to His Residence.

Mr. James K. Smith, who on New Year's eve became a happy husband and the proprietor of his own cozy home, early this morning saw his house and the greater part of its comfortable furnishings destroyed by fire before his eyes—and was helpless to do anything to save his property from destruction. He was not like many an improvident

savior; he got his case before he brought the bird home, and when Miss Hunter became his bride she was at once installed as mistress of her own establishment—on Haughton street, Spring Ridge.

The very night of the wedding, which all should have been happiness, discord was introduced by an incident which was both painful and embarrassing. A young man named McMartin, who had been Smith's rival for the affections of Miss Hunter, in disappointment and anger attempted to end his life by jumping into the well in Mr. Smith's yard.

This Mr. Smith explained that McMartin was rescued from the well by Mrs. Smith and a lady companion, and then repeated threats that he had made before against his former object of affection and the husband of her choice. Mr. Smith further informed the police that McMartin had on more than one occasion threatened in distinct terms to burn down the house and to kill him, and he therefore felt justified in asking for his arrest. The fire, which was beyond the water supply, though within the city limits and with which the brigade dealt, therefore, doing nothing, was apparently of incendiary origin. Mrs. Smith heard some one about the house and went to sleep with some what nervous apprehensions, the smoke from her husband's short time after with the startling information that the house had been set on fire. He rushed to the rear of the dwelling, found that the fire had been ignited in a small wooden shed attached to the kitchen, and realized in a moment that the house was doomed. It was with difficulty that the inmates escaped, and practically nothing was saved. The house was valued at upwards of \$1,000, and the contents at probably three-quarters of this amount. Upon neither was there a cent of insurance.

When the Colonel came out this morning he was met by a man who made such a development in, however, expressed this morning.

PAULINE NICKELLS.

The First Wedding of the Year at Christ Church Cathedral.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday at Christ Church cathedral, where Miss George Parsons was married to Miss Edith Nickells, daughter of Mr. Nickells. The bridemaids were Misses Dolly Nickells, Nellie Pauline, Violet Goodwin and Rita Gardner. Mr. Philip D. Johnston acted as best man. Rev. Canon Beaulieu performed the ceremony, which was full of cheer. Mr. Edgeman presiding at the organ. The presents were many and handsome.

SPokane, Dec. 28.—The Commercial savings bank, a private institution with a capital of \$50,000, suspended payment today. It had but few depositors.

VANIER HILL, Jan. 2.—Wardly Levitt, of Oakeside, committed suicide today by cutting his throat. The deceased, who was aged 48, was worth \$20,000.

BIRTH.

MOULDER.—At Anchor Hill, George read, on the 28th inst., the wife of A. J. Moulder, a daughter.

QUINN.—At Nanaimo, December 15th, the wife of Edward Quinn, of a son.

MARRIED.

STEWART-ECKFORD.—At Renfrew, Ontario, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Jacob Stewart Esq., to Tina Eckford of Renfrew.

HEMINGWAY.—At the residence of Mr. Fred Hemingway, on the 28th December, by Rev. P. J. Macdonald, Mr. Hemingway to Miss Mary Edith Mether, both of Victoria.

HALL-LUCKER.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 28th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Hall to Miss Lucker, daughter of W. G. Lucker, of Frederick J. Hall, both of Victoria. B. C. No cards.

SMITH-HUNTER.—At Spring Ridge, on December 28th, 1894, by the Rev. C. M. Tate, John Smith to Miss Edith Hunter, both of this city.

DECEASED.

NATHAN.—In this city, on the 28th inst., Walter Nathan, a native of London, England, aged 34 years.

TUNNICLIFFE.—At his residence, Frederick street, on the 28th inst., Frederick Tunnicliffe, a native of Woodville, Kent, England, aged 45 years.

JAMES.—At his residence, David James, a native of Wales, aged 57 years.

GARRIE.—In this city on the 31st December, Edward Garrie, a native of Manchester, England, aged 45 years.

CIVIC CANDIDATES.

Now that the holidays are over interest in the approaching civic elections is beginning to warm up. Rumors are many as to the probable candidates for the mayoralty and aldermanic honors; but not a great number of names are as yet actually announced.

For the position of Mayor Mr. John Teague has presented himself for re-election. He is the only candidate actually announced.

Ald. Kelch-Wilson has been urged by many to stand for a second year, but he has not yet made up his mind. Mr. A. Mann is spoken of as a probable candidate.

As far as aldermanic candidates go North W. Macdonald, E. A. Lewis, J. C. Blackett, and Mr. Macdonald, D. McNaughton and Wm. Allan are already announced. Ald. W. J. Dwyer will seek re-election, John McMillan has been asked to run all spoken of. Mr. Ald. Briggs has also been urged to stand again for his old ward.

Central Ward so far has no many candidates. Ald. Humphrey will again ask for re-election, and Ald. Vigilant will probably come forward also. Mr. J. C. Blackett has about made up his mind to come out in defence to the wishes of his friends and Mr. S. L. Kelly has already announced himself.

For South Ward, Ald. D. R. Harris will enter the field, while Messrs. John Hall and Hedley Chapman have issued their cards, and John Jardine and Wm. Prout are likely to be candidates also.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

A press dispatch from San Diego, received on New Year's day, says: Capt. Fidelia, of the schooner, Azalea, which arrived with lumber yesterday from Tacoma, recalls the fact that he saw two steamers off Point Flattery on the evening of December 9, which, it is thought, were probably the missing Keweenaw and Montserrat. The gale was at its height and it seemed that the vessel he saw to be the Keweenaw had been outside the Straits and past Cape Flattery, but encountering the storm had turned back and lay under the Cape. About dusk another steamer, probably the Montserrat, passed down the Straits and saluted the Keweenaw with three whistles, the latter responding with the same number. The steamers approached within speaking distance and after some talk between them both turned and went to sea, doubling the Cape and passing out of sight before the Azalea went out a couple of hours later.

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