

# GENERAL BOOTH ON IMMIGRATION

## Salvation Army's Schemes Explained by Veteran Leader at Vancouver Meeting—His Future Plans.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
The arrival of General William Booth on the Pacific coast at this time carried with it more than ordinary interest, due to the fact that he is so prominently identified with immigration. He was expected to leave Seattle this morning for Japan.

Commissioner Coombs, the head of the Salvation Army in Canada, will arrive in Victoria in a few days and on Wednesday will be the guest of the Canadian Club, when an opportunity will be afforded to hear him on the immigration question. Possessing in a peculiar measure the vitality and executive ability of his great leader, Commissioner Coombs is extremely popular in Canada. He is always practical and his address after his personal intercourse for a week with General Booth will prove very interesting.

Gen. Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army, was given a hearty reception in Vancouver by all classes. As announced in the Times on Saturday, the mayor of the city accorded him a civic reception, and he visited the coast. He was accompanied by Commissioner Coombs, head of the Army in Canada, Col. Higgins, Assistant Foreign Secretary of the Salvation Army in London, Col. Pugmire, Brigadier Howell and Brigadier Cox. Brigadier Smeaton, as head of the Provincial forces, had charge of the arrangements for the reception of the leader.

In a general interview accorded the press representatives, the general referred to the very hearty reception which had been given him in Canada. Referring to Japan, which he is about to visit, Gen. Booth said:

"Japan is a wonderful country, with a wonderful people, and the Salvation Army has done good work there. I understand I am to have a reception there that has never before been accorded to any foreigner on religious or philanthropic grounds. We have been very useful there, and have helped them with many difficulties. We have helped them with their young women and their prisoners, and to some extent have helped them religiously, though on the question of religion they seem to be standing in a kind of bewildering perplexity. They are not very definite or enthusiastic about the opinions of their forefathers, but are sensitive to any suggestion of change. In many respects, western ideas have a great attraction for them, and in some respects they have profited by their adoption, and in others they have not. When it comes to religion it is a very serious question. I am going to try to explain to them the principles of the Salvation Army and the beneficial effect they would have if carried out. I have no doubt I shall see some good accomplished in my visit."

"The Salvation Army is spreading throughout the world continually; its great want is more men and more money."

"In that respect, we are in a very similar position to this great Dominion."

At least you want men; but I suppose you have abundance of money—anyhow I should judge that the newspapers are prospering, and I am glad of it. I am thankful for the power of the press. I believe I have been able to help the newspapers somewhat, as I am a kind of a link between the secular and religious world; and so far as the London papers are concerned, I believe there is not one of them that would not be glad at any time to publish anything I have to say.

"I have just," said the general, "branching off on another line, 'had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman (Mr. R. M. Palmer) deputed by your press to come to the coast, and at the same time express regret that the press in the direction of supporting them with people. I told him that I had any number of people wanting to improve themselves by changing their place of residence. The great difficulty is to send them where they will be happiest and most useful."

"My officer in charge of my emigration Agency in London told me, only two days before I left, that he had filed the names of 600 families on my behalf, all of whom had been investigated and examined, and he had full descriptions of their health, characters and capacities. Some of these, the Army would have to provide with transportation, some of them have a little money, and some of them have money up to \$1,000."

"What British Columbia would prefer is that she should have the very pick of British population, and that they should be selected and sent here, and brought safely here, and the general is asked to go about the country begging the money to pay for it." He said he would have to provide quietly. "The general objects."

"The general added he had been here twice before. His first visit was 12 or 14 years ago, when he came in search of a tract of land suitable for one of his overseas colonies. He found, however, that the land was all very quietly timbered, and there was no great tract that he considered suitable for this purpose, though the climate was very agreeable. He has since established a colony at Tisdale, Saskatchewan, which had worked very successfully. At the same time he considers that British Columbia would be very suitable for small colonies, as he believes there is a good demand for labor here. Do you ever see any 'niggers'?" said the general, striking the table emphatically. "What a man is worth to a country? You pay a certain price for a man, and you get a man worth a wife and five or six strapping children? I tell people, sometimes, if they would spend the money on men instead of on women."

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### CALVARY'S GOOD DAY.

Over Half the Amount of the Mortgage on Church was Raised.

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Yesterday was a red-letter day for Calvary Baptist church. Large congregations welcomed the pastor's Easter messages, and the choir rendered an excellent musical programme in manner most creditable to the organization, and greatly enjoyed by the congregation. They were strengthened yesterday by Mrs. Cocker, an accomplished vocalist from Brantford, Ont. She sang a solo at each service yesterday. With her family Miss Cocker joins the exodus northward to the Skeena next week, but expects to return in a few months.

The big feature of the day was the offering. On the preceding Sunday the pastor had requested an offering in cash of \$500, being one half of the amount of the mortgage on the building. When the tilters announced that \$376.50 had been deposited on the plates for the debt fund, with more to follow, the congregation was filled with much enthusiasm. Calvary Baptists are already smelling the smoke of the burning of that mortgage.

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SAVED BY CHEQUE BOOK.  
Ripon, Wis., March 31.—Mrs. W. H. Ogden, following the conviction of her husband for larceny of old iron last evening, shot at Justice of the Peace L. E. Nohl in the court room, but the bullet was deflected by a cheque book, saving his life. She fired four other shots, three going wide of the mark, and one striking Chas. Cashuba over the heart. He may die. Mrs. Ogden was arrested.

TO VISIT KING ALFONSO.  
Blarritz, March 31.—King Edward will leave here on April 5th for Toulon and will arrive at the port the next day on board the royal yacht for Cartagena, where he will meet King Alfonso.

DAUGHTER SAW MOTHER KILLED.  
SHOT BY ITALIAN WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE.  
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Newport, Vt., April 1.—Dwight Miles, of Newport, for whom the authorities had been searching since Saturday night when he was alleged to have shot and killed his wife, was arrested at Ripton to-day and placed in the local lockup. Shortly afterwards he cut his throat with a jack knife, but it is believed that the wound will not prove serious.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO HAVE HIM BROUGHT HERE ON THE NOON TRAIN, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BE HEARD BY THE COURT THIS AFTERNOON. NILES, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE SHOT HIS WIFE AT HER FATHER'S HOME AFTER SHE HAD RETURNED TO LIVE WITH HIM, FOLLOWING HIS SEPARATION, DISAPPEARED AFTER THE SHOOTING. HE HEADED FOR THE CANADIAN LINE. YESTERDAY HE BOARDED A FREIGHT TRAIN ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD, BOUND FOR MONTREAL. THE CONDUCTOR HAD HEARD OF THE MURDER AND BECOMING SUSPICIOUS WHEN THE TRAIN REACHED RIPTON NOTIFIED THE AUTHORITIES. NILES MADE NO RESISTANCE WHEN ARRESTED.

FORMER VICTORIAN MEETS WITH MISHAP.  
Has Foot Frozen and Several Toes Will Probably Have to Be Amputated.  
Discovery, B. C., March 9.—Frank Wallace, a former resident of Victoria, is now in St. Andrew's hospital, Atlin, suffering from a frozen foot. While endeavoring to take the mail through to Log Cabin, after a heavy drift of snow, he had the misfortune to wet his foot, and when he arrived at the Tepee his moccasin had to be cut. Although efforts were made to promote circulation, Mr. Wallace had to be at once removed to the hospital, where he received prompt treatment. While the foot will be saved, there is every possibility that some of the toes will have to be amputated.

A hockey game was played this afternoon on the Atlin rink between the rival school teams of Atlin and Discovery. A very closely contested game ensued in which no points being scored. The evening was pleasantly spent by all the young enthusiasts at one of the homes of Atlin.

The weather here has moderated considerably during the last fortnight, and the thermometer has made a wide detour from 20 degrees and 30 degrees below zero to 22 degrees and even 40 degrees and 45 degrees above.

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### WRECKAGE FOUND OFF WEST COAST

#### MAY PORTEND ANOTHER DISASTER

Scattered Along the Shore From Carmanah to Clo-oose—May Be Large Sailing Vessel.

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Information received this afternoon from the West Coast of Vancouver Island seems to indicate that a great large sailing vessel has come to grief. Wreckage is coming ashore from Carmanah to Clo-oose.

The news received is scanty, and nothing in the wreckage indicates what was the name of the ship. Neither is there anything to show how far the wreckage has drifted.

The fact that no large part of any vessel has been sighted would tend to show that the wreck has occurred some distance from the Vancouver Island coast.

A piece of leak wood rail eight feet long has come ashore in the vicinity of Carmanah. There are also long pieces of oak of white pine and several large panels of maple, veneered with mahogany and bordered with black.

At Clo-oose a large yard with some pieces of sail attached was sighted, and for the most part resembled pieces of a ship's boats painted white. Wreckage is also coming ashore off Bonilla Point, so that the shores seem to be strewn from Carmanah to Clo-oose at least.

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### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Great Britain Requests Russia to Include Limitations in Armaments in Programme.

London, March 31.—Great Britain has made a formal and official request upon Russia to include in the programme of the next Hague conference the question of limitation of the expenditure on armaments, and through her ambassadors and ministers she has notified the powers invited to attend the conference of this action. This was done some days ago, and up to the present time the foreign office has not been advised of any opposition to Great Britain's proposition.

Neither has Great Britain learned the nature of the negotiations that have been going on in St. Petersburg between the ambassadors of Germany and Austria and Emperor Nicholas, but it is believed that the exchanges have had to do with the form in which the subject of disarmament should be introduced, and that they have not been aimed at keeping it off the programme.

Reports emanating from the continent that Great Britain and the United States were to discuss the limitation of their armaments were not complied with, and that Germany and Austria would follow a similar course if Russia included this question in the programme, are stigmatized by the officials of the foreign office here as pure inventions.

Development in the court proceedings against Harry K. Thaw is the announcement to-day by counsel for the prisoner, that the Thaw side rests so far as further testimony by their side is concerned before the lunacy commission. The defence believes this will help to bring this particular hearing to a close by Tuesday night, so that the trial, delayed for more than a week by the movement to determine Thaw's sanity at the present, can be immediately resumed.

The defence assumes, of course, that the commission will find that Thaw is sane. In fact they are confident of such an outcome, basing their opinion on the splendid showing Thaw is said to have made when questioned by the commissioners. District Attorney Jerome does not share the opinion of the defence that the commission will conclude its hearing on Tuesday. He said that the defence was assuming too much, and expressed the belief that several days would elapse before the commission reported. Mr. Jerome believes that the commission will hear his testimony and he hopes besides that the testimony of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton will be admitted. There is no doubt that the hearing will be prolonged if the state's attorneys are allowed to testify as fully as Mr. Jerome wishes them to do, but the defence's lawyers believe that they will only be permitted to tell what they think of Thaw's present condition and facts of the distant past, on which to base their conclusions will be eliminated.

### BLINDING SNOW IN THE NORTH

#### STEAMER AMUR BRINGS HANDY MEN TO EGERIA

Deadlock at Prince Rupert Pending Settlement of Indian Reserve Question.

After making a fast trip, notwithstanding blinding showers of snow, the C. P. R. steamer Amur pulled into the harbor at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday. She reports that the weather in the north is intensely cold, the thermometer in some parts registering over 20 degrees of frost.

On her trip north the Amur carried a draft of bluejackets to reinforce the crew of the Egeria. The draft comprised 12 men who had just arrived from the Old Country in charge of Lieut. Hodgson. When the vessel was at Vancouver two of the handy men deserted, and according to present adjectives they have not yet been captured. The draft was landed at Port Simpson, where the Egeria was lying. The war sloop sails to-day for Queen Charlotte Island, where she will engage in hydrographic work.

After leaving Vancouver, outward bound, the Amur encountered blinding showers of snow, which at intervals prevailed throughout the trip in northern waters. On one occasion the snow was so dense that the vessel had to put into the Skeena river for shelter, where she lay for three hours until the weather cleared. At Port Eslington there were 4,000 cases of salmon waiting for shipment on the Amur. The snow on the wharf there was four feet deep, and as the Amur could not wait until a path could be cut for the cargo, she had to come away without the shipment.

The White Pass & Yukon line was blocked with snow when the vessel was at Skagway, and several passengers who intended to make the trip south were unable to get through. As a result the Amur only brought some half-dozen passengers to Vancouver and Victoria. Among the latter was D. A. Doig, who, ever since the opening of the branch of the Bank of British North America at Dawson, had been manager there. He has now arrived here to assume the management of the branch in Victoria.

The Amur reports that there is very little going on at Prince Rupert. Matters are at a deadlock pending the settlement of the Indian reserve question by the government. Many who had gone up there in the hope of work are now leaving, and the solitary policeman at the Grand Trunk terminus warns intending settlers of the futility of landing.

Both when outward and inward bound the Amur passed the Princess May off Scarlet point. The weather was very rough there, and the Amur reports that the wrecked Thomas, which lies near that point, is almost entirely submerged. She is rapidly breaking up as there have been several gales in the vicinity recently.

For the next fifteen days the Amur will lie off the northern run, and the next C. P. R. steamer which will run north will be the Princess May on the 8th inst. A new refrigerator plant will be installed on the Amur for use during the summer months, and the officers' quarters aft will be gutted out and repaired. It is expected that the Amur when she resumes will take the place of the Tees, and that the latter vessel will go on the West Coast run in place of the Queen City.

LEAGUE BASKETBALL.  
Victoria Y. M. C. A. Defeated Seattle at Both Drill Hall on Saturday Night.

After a close and exciting game, in which scoring was low on both sides, the Victoria Y. M. C. A. defeated Seattle at the drill hall on Saturday by the score of 15 points to 8. A large audience witnessed the game, it forming an extra attraction to the band promenade. The opening half of the game was in favor of the visitors, who were leading by 6 points to 3 at the interval. In the second half the home team showed their superiority and ran up thirteen points to their opponents' four. The result of Saturday's game leaves the Victoria Y. M. C. A. at the head of the Puget Sound League. These two teams will now play for the premier position in the competition.

Another basketball attraction at the drill hall on Saturday night between the Fifth Regiment and Y. M. C. A. immediately resulted in a victory for the soldiers by 1 point, the score being 15 to 14. As the score indicates, the game was closely contested, the result being in doubt until the final whistle sounded.

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### DEFENCE WILL NOT CALL WITNESSES

#### DESIRES TO FACILITATE WORK OF COMMISSION

Believes That Harry Thaw Will Be Declared Sane and the Opinion Trial Resumed.

New York, April 1.—An important development in the court proceedings against Harry K. Thaw is the announcement to-day by counsel for the prisoner, that the Thaw side rests so far as further testimony by their side is concerned before the lunacy commission. The defence believes this will help to bring this particular hearing to a close by Tuesday night, so that the trial, delayed for more than a week by the movement to determine Thaw's sanity at the present, can be immediately resumed.

The defence assumes, of course, that the commission will find that Thaw is sane. In fact they are confident of such an outcome, basing their opinion on the splendid showing Thaw is said to have made when questioned by the commissioners. District Attorney Jerome does not share the opinion of the defence that the commission will conclude its hearing on Tuesday. He said that the defence was assuming too much, and expressed the belief that several days would elapse before the commission reported. Mr. Jerome believes that the commission will hear his testimony and he hopes besides that the testimony of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton will be admitted. There is no doubt that the hearing will be prolonged if the state's attorneys are allowed to testify as fully as Mr. Jerome wishes them to do, but the defence's lawyers believe that they will only be permitted to tell what they think of Thaw's present condition and facts of the distant past, on which to base their conclusions will be eliminated.

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