

MISS EVANGELINE BOOTH
OF THE S. A. EXPLAINS HER
MISSION TO THE OLD COUNTRY

(Montreal Star.)

New York, Dec. 24—The following has been sent to the New York Times by Evangeline Booth and through the courtesy of The Times, The Montreal Star is allowed to present it to its readers:

(By Evangeline Booth, National Commander of the Salvation Army in America.)

Wireless to the Editor of the New York Times.

"On board the SS. Olympic, Dec. 22—I am glad to take advantage of your kind invitation to express the very deep gratitude I feel toward my fellow-citizens for the generous way in which they have acknowledged my humble efforts on behalf of the less fortunate of the community during the past years.

"I appreciate to the full the permanent and prominent place in its affections the nation has given to the Salvation Army. This knowledge is a stimulus to a greater service and a higher devotion to the ideals of duty to God and to man. Fortified by this confidence, I face the onerous responsibility laid upon me, together with my five American commissioners, of representing the United States on the High Council of the Salvation Army, consisting of 63 delegates from all parts of the world which will assemble on January 8 in London.

Harmonize Constitution.

"The task allotted to the council is to harmonize the present constitution of our organization with a broader form of Government, which will put into force a long-looked-for measure of reform increasing both individual and collective responsibility for the salvation of the bodies and souls of men. I am confident that the deliberations of the council will result in a clearer vision of world demands and a keener perception of opportunities. Meanwhile I would assure the multitudes of friends who honor us with their support that the permanence of the Salvation Army was never more assured and our forward march never more sure. The Salvation Army in America will under the blessing of Almighty God pursue its appointed way of service and sacrifice with greater efficiency and intensified zeal.

"May I wish for the readers of the New York Times and also our beloved nation not only a year of continued prosperity but a clearer understanding of the value of the highest and most enduring things—the promotion of peace, the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. Thus will our nation become mightier and mightier in influence and inspiration, taking its rightful place as the most potent force in the world for truth and righteousness."

Tense Interest.

Tense interest was aroused here Saturday in Salvation Army circles over the secret departure for England of Commander Evangeline Booth to attend a meeting of the Salvation Army's High Council to consider the deposition of her brother, General Bramwell Booth. There was much speculation as to who would succeed to the General's position of power and world-wide prestige if Commander Booth should be successful in her efforts to bring about a reform that would result in his removal from office.

It was disclosed Saturday by Lieutenant Commissioner Richard E. Holz, in charge of the Eastern territory, that Salvation Army officials here believe that General Booth, who has been enfeebled for two years by nervous prostration and neuritis, intends to name his daughter, Catherine Booth, now a colonel and commissioner, to succeed him.

At his home near Asbury Park, N. J., Commissioner Holz said that Catherine Booth was 42 or 43 years old, and until two or three years ago, had been prominent in social welfare work in Great Britain; that ill-health had caused her temporarily to abandon her Army activities, but that for the past year she had played a prominent part in Army affairs and had been in close touch with General Booth.

The General has been criticized on the ground that while his appointment

by his father had been approved because he was fitted naturally for the work a continuation of the "dynasty" would be harmful to the organization. His other children, any one of whom, it is thought, he might possibly be considering as a successor are Brigadier Bernard B. Booth, Captain Dora B. Booth, Colonel Mary B. Booth, is in charge of the Army's work in Germany; Major Olive Booth and Captain Wycliffe Booth.

Final Attempt.

Commissioner Holz, who, with four other American representatives, is to sail on the Majestic on December 29 to attend the High Council, meeting, disclosed Saturday that all these commissioners had recently communicated with General Booth begging him to accede to the reform voluntarily. Before asking the High Council to depose him on grounds of unfitness, which would require a three-quarters vote, they would make a final attempt to persuade him, he said.

If he persists in his contention that, under the constitution, he has no right to abolish his power of naming a successor, or if he is deemed too ill to listen to their pleas, Commissioner Holz declared, they will proceed at once with their efforts to have him deposed by the High Council. The High Council would then appoint a successor, for which a two-thirds vote will be required.

Commissioner Catherine Booth, he said, is not expected to lead the fight to prevent this action against her father, but probably will give it "passive encouragement and support." Others close to the General probably will lead the fight.

Commissioner Holz and another person in close touch with Army affairs here said that unless the General changed his present stand, a protracted and lively struggle probably would ensue when the council meets. It was indicated that the American delegation was fairly confident of success. Commissioner Holz said that it was unanimous in its desire for the reform and that similar sentiment prevailed in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, in some quarters in England and in some of the European countries where there was now widespread preference for democratic rather than dynastic control. He mentioned India as one country where sentiment on this question was in doubt.

In the event that the move is successful, it is probable that the American and possibly the Canadian representatives will urge Commander Evangeline Booth as the General's successor. Commander Booth repeatedly has told her brother that she has no desire to assume his position, but as a daughter of the founder she will be regarded as one logically fitted for it. "My personal opinion is that she would be willing to take it," Commissioner Holz declared.

The chief difficulties which General Booth's illness had placed in the way of the Army, he said, had been his inability to sign necessary documents and to function as trustee of the material assets of the Army in England and Australia. Elsewhere the material property of the organization is held under the laws of the various countries, so that his services are not required in their administration.

There is no question in the minds of Salvation Army officials of deposing Gen. Bramwell Booth at the meeting of the High Council to be held shortly, according to Brigadier W. Burrows, commander of the Montreal Division of the Salvation Army.

Brigadier Burrows explained the awkward position that the Salvation Army is in at the present time, with its General too ill to transact business. He pointed out also that the period of the General's illness might last indefinitely and have effects that might be injurious to the work of the Army. According to the rules of the Army, he stated, it is impossible for any group to be given the powers of the General during his illness.

Matters Delayed.

Matters of importance have occasionally been delayed by reason of General Booth's being unable to give his consent and signature to them, said Brigadier Burrows. Asked whether any work in Canada had suffered in

this way, he stated that nothing had been seriously affected, although there had been some delays which kept back progress.

"The future appointment of generals in the Salvation Army is the question before the High Council at its meeting in London," he continued. "It is an internal matter which the organization feels should be clarified and which our people are capable of handling. We in Canada are confident that the best policy will be decided upon and we have the greatest faith in the territorial commanders of the Army in every part of the world."

No Split.

Deploping the fact that several rumours had got about, Brigadier Burrows claimed that there was no possibility or thought of any split in the Army's ranks. The position of the organization at the present time, he explained, is that it has grown to such large proportions that is greater than any one man can handle efficiently, and some future policy in this regard is to be decided upon.

"As far as the Army itself is concerned," he concluded, "no one anticipates anything but uniformity of progress in the work. Our activities will not be affected and will go on in the same way."

STEEL SPOKES
OF FORD CARS
WELL MADE

Automobile wheels have undergone considerable change within the past ten years, and some of the most notable improvements are to be seen in the wheels with which the new Model A Ford car is equipped.

These new wheels are known as "steel spoke" wheels and are of Special Ford design and manufacture. The wheel department in the giant machine shop at Ford City, Ontario is in reality an industry itself. Machines take strips of flat steel and make rims and hub shells. Another set of machines turn out spokes from rolls of steel wire. Welding makes the individual units one piece of steel. Like other features of the new Model "A" Ford, they combine lightness and graceful appearance with strength and durability to a degree never before attained in wheels designed especially for light, low-priced cars that must give long and hard service in many parts of the world and under many and varying road conditions.

The steel spokes, of which there are thirty in each wheel, are made of a fine grade of Ford steel, electrically welded to the steel rim and the hub shell so that the entire wheel, hub, spokes and rim, becomes in reality one piece of steel, with no part that can work or wear loose and weaken the wheel structure or become noisy. Besides, each spoke before being welded to hub and rim is set at just that angle in relation to the other spokes which makes it perform the best possible bracing and pulling function. This feature of the design prevents road shocks being transmitted directly to any single spoke in the wheel and distributes the shock equally to all of the spokes and to all sections of rim and hub, thus lessening the danger of wheel failure.

The rim of this new Ford wheel is of the "drop center" type, which gives greater strength to the rim, imparting the qualities of rigidity that are found in channel and corrugated steel, and which also greatly facilitates changing tires as the tire, once the air is out may be removed easily even without the aid of tools.

PUBLIC OPINION

HAS POOR PROSPECTS

Editor Daily Mail,

Sir—Here's leap year almost past and I haven't leaped yet. The trouble with the adage "Look before you leap" is if one looks one doesn't leap. Or it might be that I'm not a good looker.

—BESSE JAMES

Mr. William Massey who is connected with the Paper industry in Newfoundland, is spending the Christmas holidays with his sister Mrs. A. R. Slipp.

BRIDGE NOT
FOR MARRIED
SAYS JUDGE

Chicago, Dec. 26—Because they were incompatible as bridge partners, Mrs. Ruth Kelso Wood obtained a divorce from Gerald C. Wood, a young insurance broker, Superior Judge William N. Gemmill, after a few comments on the hazards he will grant a decree on a charge of cruelty.

Mrs. Wood testified their only differences were over the card table.

"On Dec. 20," she said, "we were playing at the home of my cousin. I doubled a four diamond bid and the opponent took his 10 tricks. Mr. Wood, because my double cost us a game, flew into a rage and struck me."

"On Feb. 26, when we again found ourselves partners in a progressive game, I trumped his original ace lead."

"How did that happen?" the judge showed his interest in the game.

"Mr. Wood didn't wait to see why I made the play, but stood up and struck me," Mrs. Wood complained. "As a matter of fact it was really a fumble on my part."

"After this incident, we separated for a time and made up with a solemn pledge never to play together until Aug. 19. We were at the home of friends and they brought out the bridge table. Mr. Wood doubled a one no trump bid and I, disgusted with a bust hand, forgot to take out of it. Again he hit me and we have been separated ever since."

"More married couples should hear your story," said Judge Gemmill, becoming philosophical. "If husbands and wives didn't play partners in bridge maybe there would be fewer failures in matrimonial partnerships. I'm hearing too much lately about spouses who failed to recognize an indicative bid."

The Judge said bridge is for the single and should be left alone by married persons.

"What is a monologue daddy?" he asked.

"Here it is an entertainment" replied father, "but at home it is a conversation between your mother and myself."

LONELY COW
IN MANITOBA
IS A SUICIDE

The Pas, Man. Dec. 27—There are more bears than bulls in northern Manitoba. These days one is more apt to encounter a happy little black bear than a lonely milch cow up the Bay line.

It is not so many days since a despondent cow got tangled up with a dinky engine on the Rln Flan railway, with results that for a time threatened to put steam locomotion on the road out of business. Now the cow population of the northland is depleted by one.

Then there is the case of the most famous hostelry in The Pas. The establishment is in the middle of an important business block. Offices of doctors, brokers, and government officials flank this big and important building. But at the rear there is nothing but the atmosphere of the barnyard, as much like an old Ontario farm as it could possibly be. Chickens and turkeys and horses and two cows.

But these animals are of a rare sort for the people of The Pas.

Poor Betty's Fate

Then there was the merchant up at Mile 214 on the Bay railway who tried to keep a cow domesticated under the romantic glare of the northern lights. Betty liked the waters of the Pikwitonei river for a month or so after she arrived in a freight car. Novelty must have an appeal—even for a cow. Casey Olson, the village fiddler, had cream for his coffee and Angus Macdonald pioneer trader had real milk for his porridge. It was the first time in history that fresh milk had been enjoyed so far north in Manitoba.

This state of things was too good to last. There comes a time in the life of every cow when kindred spirit is valued above all else. Betty left. She went by night, tearing down the H. B. R. in a southerly direction. When last seen she was heading off across the muskeg around Mile 187. Civilization had won.

Recent years have been well nigh hopeless ones for the dairyman in

the northern hinterland. Butter has been shipped into The Pas from Saskatoon. Milk and cream are sent from Melfort. A flourishing business in ice cream is carried on at The Pas, but the ice cream comes from Saskatchewan. This year the western Canada always machines have been carrying imported ice cream into the Cold Lake mining camps where cones retail at two bits each.

OIL A MENACE
ON THE SEACOAST

Edinburgh, Dec. 24—The Society for the Protection of Birds of Great Britain has begun a campaign to protect the birds that fly about the coastal waters from the menace of oil discharged by passing ships. A recent discovery of 80 birds dead from the exhaustion of carrying a weight of the oil has caused a wave of complaint. The board of Trade has made several attempts to remedy the situation, private individuals have spread propaganda, and many public protests have been registered. The fisheries also have complained.

The British Admiralty, it is pointed out, uses an oil separator which sends overboard not more than one pint of oil to 200,000 parts of water. Many persons are demanding that all oil-driven seamen be compelled to use such a device. It is pointed out, incidentally, that its use in two years would save in oil the cost of installing the device.

The Royal Society makes it plain that sentimentality is not the only reason for wishing to save the birds, as the present condition brings an unpleasant clutter on the shores.

PRAIRIE WIND

I long for the prairie wind again
To scatter and dash this torpid rain
That never whispers nor sighs nor calls
But ever incessantly drearily falls
It is like the tears of the old and fail,
I year for the rain that comes in the gale
To sting my face with a tinge of pain
And whip my blood to courage again.
—HILMA SHEPPARD PARSONS

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