

BOOTH SEES BETTER WORLD

Arising After the Great War Is Over.

NATIONS WILL LEARN

ABSURDITY OF SETTLING DISPUTES BY BRUTE FORCE.

Awakening Has Come — Salvation Army Head's Sixtieth Birthday Finds Him Reminiscent but Full of Optimism for Future.

London, March 10. — General Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, celebrated his sixtieth birthday yesterday and the War Cry publishes a character sketch by Harold Begbie, an article entitled "The happy warrior."

"It is good to find such a man at

of international sympathy and a world which will have learned that without God all is chaos. Moreover — and this is a matter for the most profound reflection — he stubbornly and challengingly affirms that all the agonies and suffering and bereavements of the war are as a drop of water in comparison with that ocean of misery which men so long tolerated unmoved in drunkenness, prostitution and the exploitation of the poor by the greed of capitalism.

"So the war does not shake his optimism. He believes that it will prove to the democracies of Europe the absurdity of settling disputes by brute force, and he also believes that the democracies of Europe, after this furnace of suffering, will learn to look away from materialism and set their gaze more steadily than ever before on moral idealism.

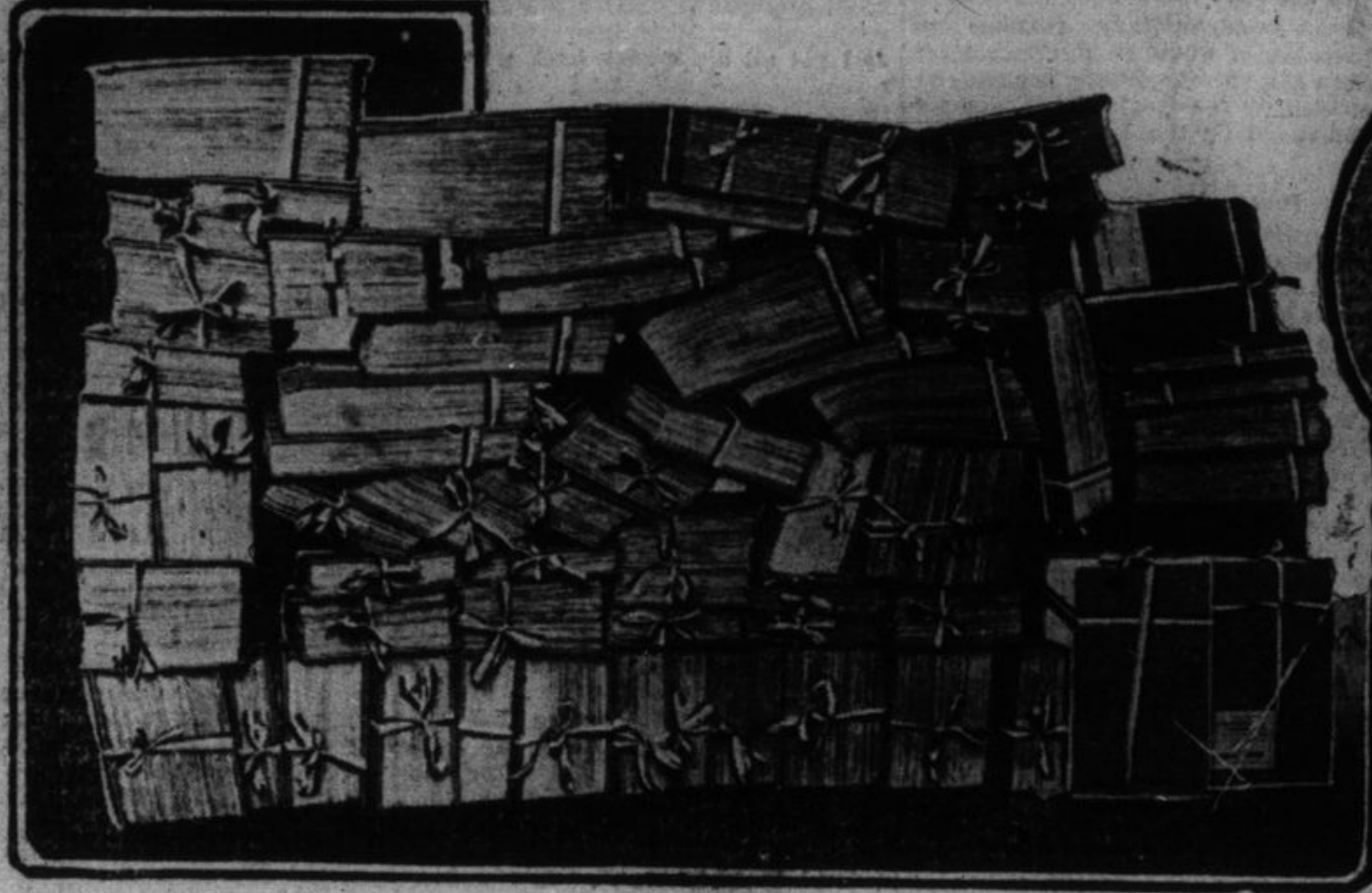
"The greatest change," he said to me the other day, "which has come over life since I was old enough to take a hand in it, is the change from parochial nationalism to something very like international solidarity. When I was a boy nations lived in watertight compartments. The barriers between nations seemed insurmountable; the estrangements between the peoples of Europe, after this furnace of suffering, will learn to look away from materialism and set their gaze more steadily than ever before on moral idealism.

"This change is most significant. Compare it with the state of things fifty years ago, and you can hardly exaggerate its importance. The new spirit in life is making for the world's happiness, the world's peace, and the world's progress."

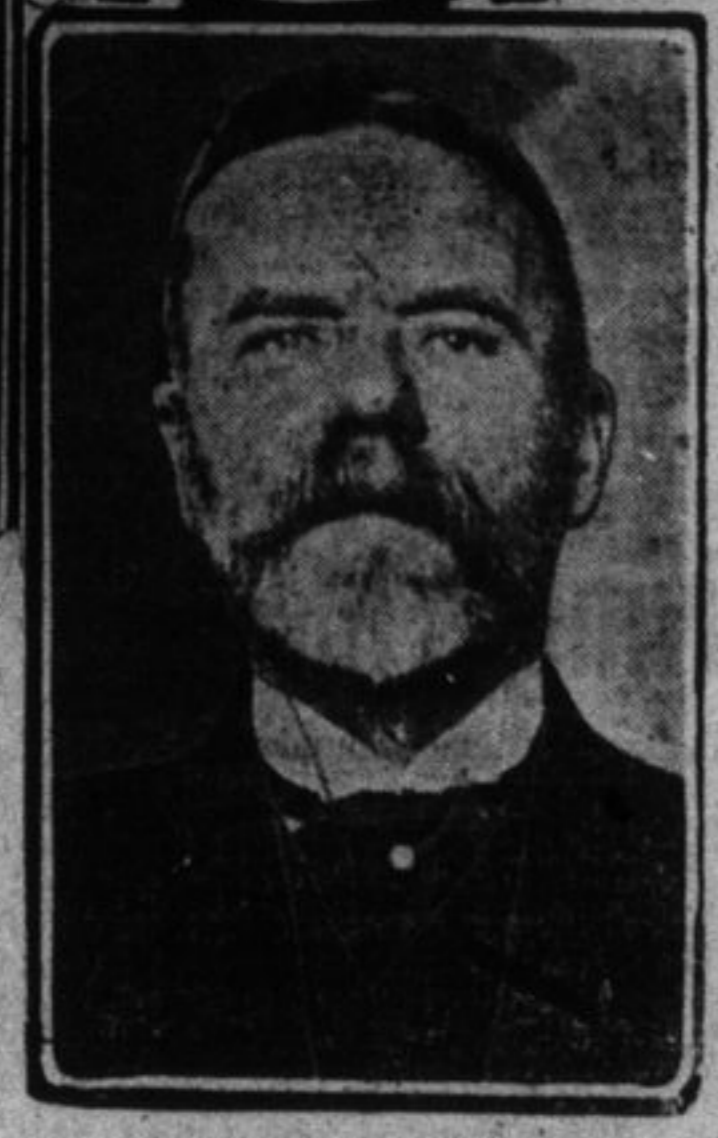
"It is the same when he looks back on the organized religious life of nations. 'You cannot imagine the change which has taken place,' he says, cheerfully. 'You are too young. Of course, there have been mistakes, but the great thing is that the awakening has come. On the whole, there is an advance. The churches have broken free from sleep; they are awake; they are sincere; they are trying to make the world a better place, and the nations themselves are responding to this fresh sincerity. With all modesty, I venture to claim that the Salvation Army has been the first cause in this spiritual awakening. We have stirred up the priests and parsons; yes, really we have done that.'

"The cause of his optimism is found in the immensely improved position of women. Fifty years ago women played an inconspicuous part in the national life. She was either a slave or a toy. Now women are co-workers with men, and the refinement and spirituality of women are gradually making themselves felt in the life of the nation. 'In nothing in the whole range of my experience,' he says, 'do I see a more striking or more beneficent contrast with the past than in the position woman now occupies in the mind and heart of the world.'

MONSTER PETITION FOR DRY ONTARIO.



This pile of bound volumes represents the prohibition petitions collected from all Ontario Counties which were presented to Premier Hearst by a delegation followed by twenty thousand sympathizers in parade. The pile contains signatures of 825,562 residents of the Province. These signatures would make a solid line of signatures three miles 1,600 yards in length. The petitions when closely piled together make a pile five feet in height, four and a half feet in length and four feet in breadth. The upper photo to the right is that of G. E. Johnston of Brockville, secretary of the Leeds County Committee, and an energetic temperance worker. The lower picture is of K. P. Clement, K.C., of Berlin, Ont., chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, who presented the address to Premier Hearst at the Legislature Buildings.



ANCHORED MINES LAID.

By Germany Along the Trade Route To Holland. London, March 10. — The blockade of England by mines, reported as threatened by Germany, is already in existence along the trade route to Holland, according to naval circles here. German submarines are reported to have been busy recently laying anchored mines between the mouth of the Thames and the Gallipoli Lightship. It is in this neighborhood that many disasters have occurred during the last month. Passenger ships, until recently, have been quite successful in dodging floating mines by making their voyages in daylight, but no method is known of guarding against submerged anchored mines.

Free Churches Want Temperance. Bradford, England, March 10. — The National Free Churches Council passed a resolution calling on the Government to adopt a thoroughgoing policy on temperance questions, and to take more effective measures to prevent the squandering of the nation's resources on drink.

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Even Hospital Treatment for Kidney Disease Failed

Well-known Commercial Traveller Says That Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills Undoubtedly Cured Him.

News of his recovery from kidney disease will be welcomed by the many friends of Mr. L. D. Griffin throughout the lower townships and the adjoining district of the United States.

Mr. Griffin has travelled this section for 35 years and what he says will be accepted, as proven by all who know him best.

He tells in his letter how relief was obtained by treatment in Sherbrooke and Montreal hospitals, but the old kidney trouble returned again and again until by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cure was effected. As he says, these pills "undoubtedly did the work."

Mr. L. D. Griffin, Balwer, Compton county, Quebec, writes:—"I can add one more statement of kidney disease cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. For about twenty years I was bothered more or less with the kidneys, then the disease became worse and I was sick in bed for one year,

took doctor's medicine to no avail, and on his advice went to Sherbrooke Hospital, where I was benefited, but the old trouble returned and I tried a Montreal hospital. Got a little better, but the help was only temporary, and I was soon bad again.

"On the advice of a friend, I began to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I now thank that friend, for to-day I am as free from kidney disease as I ever was in my life. I owe the cure to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, for they undoubtedly did the work. I am 68 years old and have spent 35 years as a traveller calling on the drug trade. Everywhere I am told that Dr. Chase's medicines are the best sellers and give the best satisfaction of any medicines on the market. Shall be glad to answer any questions in regard to my cure if people care to write me."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Company, Limited, Toronto.

panying music and effects, tell the coherent, logical and moving story. A symphony orchestra of thirty musicians is carried by the company.

"The Only Girl," which was the biggest musical comedy success in New York last year when it was presented at the Lyric Theatre there, and enjoyed a season of nine months, is the work of Victor Herbert and Henry Blossom. It is said that in this new musical comedy these brilliant authors have completed the most attractive of their many collaborations. It is also said that "The Only Girl" has the advantage that it tells a straight comedy story, which contains a real idea, and that every situation is so logical that it intimately fits the melody with a nicety so perfect that every reviewer qualified it as the most musical and original play with music seen in New York for a long time.

This brilliant musical comedy with an excellent company provided by Joe Weber, comes to the Grand on Wednesday evening, March 15th.

Cyril Maude in "Grumpy." Cyril Maude, the celebrated English actor, comes to the Grand on Thursday, March 16th, in "Grumpy." This is the play that he appeared in for a full season at Wallack's Theatre, New York, and later took to London, where at the New Theatre its Broadway success was duplicated. "Grumpy" is a comedy with a good mixture of melodrama, and is the work of Horace Hodges and T. Wigney Percival. It has a detective story of a very original type, and it calls for character acting of the very highest order. The central figure is that of an octogenarian, a criminal lawyer of London, who, when the honor of his household is affected, proves to still retain the astuteness and sleuth-hound instincts that a

AT THE GRAND. Saturday Matinee and Night of "Joe Quinney."

"Joe Quinney," the play from the novel, took London by storm at the very time in May, 1915, when Zeppelins were also trying to take it by storm, and ordinary theatre audiences were exceedingly small. But possibly it was a relief to war-bound London to forget its cares in the national and delightful comedy of this human play. That quality of humor, already discussed in regard to "Joe Quinney" in novel form, has made it wonderfully possible to dramatize the book; the affection of humble, bumptious "Joe" Quinney for his wife and child give that character in the play a living reality. And the background—the antique shop, with high lights on handsome "pieces," and more doubtful, finds in a mysterious background—a unusual and effective, as seen in the theatre, and easy for the reader to visualize, so completely does the reader of the play—or the novel—get inside of Joe Quinney. At the Grand on Saturday, March 11th, matinee and night.

"Birth of a Nation" Coming. D. W. Griffith's magnificent historical spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," returns to the Grand for two days, Monday and Tuesday, March 13th and 14th, matinee daily at 2.30, evenings 8.15. "The Birth of a Nation" is one of the most widely discussed topics in the country. It established an absolutely new art in the realm of the theatre—the art of pantomimic screen spectacles with music. It also created a tremendous sensation because of its vaster and more forceful treatment of the same theme as Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman." The consequences of the Civil War in southern reconstruction are fully dealt with, and the nation re-born is apotheosized. Mr. Griffith, pioneer among directors, managed the stupendous achievement without the aid of dialogue or speech, for motion pictures, accom-



quarter of a century previous had made him the most feared prosecutor of Old Bailey. Three of the scenes picture the life of an English country home and the other one glimpses stirring incidents in London.

Lance-Corpl. Hicks With Capt. Richardson When He Died. Lance-Corporal Charles Hicks, who was of "C" Company of the 14th Regiment, who was serving with Capt. Richardson, at the front, in writing to a friend about the death of the gallant young officer, says: "He died as he had lived, utterly fearless and always fearful for the safety of his men. I was with him when he died, and almost his last words were an enquiry after the rest of the party. We of his company feel his loss greatly. He was the finest officer in the division, and it seems hard to lose him."

"He was buried two days later, in the churchyard in a town close to the trenches. I attended the funeral. There were only five of us, all that remains of the happy crowd that left Kingston in August, 1914, and we paid our last respects to the gallant gentleman who was at our head when we left the old city. The respect in which Capt. Richardson was held was very evident at the funeral. Col. Ross was present as was also Capt. W. Hart. Kingston will mourn Capt. Richardson's death, but believe me his death is most sincerely mourned by his men. His place will never be filled as he filled it."

SIR SAM HUGHES' TRIP. Not Going to England to Take Command At Front. Ottawa, March 10. — General Sir Sam Hughes will leave Florida next week for a short rest in Florida before proceeding on his trip to Great Britain and France. The Minister stated that he was going to England in his ministerial capacity and not with the intention of taking a command at the front. Captain John Bassett will accompany him as staff officer.

Lizzie Bell, aged eight, of Palmerston avenue, Toronto, was killed by a motor truck, and the driver is sought.

A deficit of \$2,209,348 is the estimate of C. M. Bowman in his speech on the Ontario budget debate.

You Can't Expect a Fellow to Remember Everything

By Bud Fisher

