

How We Save Souls

By BALLINGTON BOOTH,
General of the Volunteers of America.



We have too many dignified, stationary Christians! Wanted! People that will get out and do things.

The Volunteers of America are not ornamental Christians; they do things.

For six years we have struggled against prejudice, opposition, poverty. At last we have emerged triumphantly from the battle.

But what have the Volunteers of America done to save souls? During the last year we raised \$81,012.65 in support of our

own rents, officers and work. We attracted 1,302,187 persons to our Sunday and week-night services, and 2,538,270 to open-air services.

The VOLUNTEER TENEMENT WORK among the deserving poor is a new branch of our philanthropic effort. Disclosures regarding New York City made by reformers do not begin to describe the fearful conditions among the poor of our large cities. Thousands of poverty-stricken, hunger-ridden people who perish for lack of bread are crying for help that must be timely and WITHOUT RED TAPE. These people we have provided with homes, food, clothes. THERE IS NO RED TAPE TO HINDER OUR WORK.

We have homes for destitute men and women—homes for men who have no place to sleep, who crawl into doorways, who lie down in alleys or grope under steps. We furnish shelter for these men, and, if possible, WORK.

In many cities we have homes for workmen. These are patronized by men who have work, and can pay for a night's lodging, yet who are without homes, and in many cases without friends. In these homes nearly 234,814 people were lodged last year. In the restaurants worked by the army 371,297 were fed with substantial meals at a moderate cost.

Our homes of mercy for young women must not be forgotten. Here all young women are welcome without distinction of creed or condition of life. If they have fallen our matrons help them to a better life.

The Prisoners' League numbers 12,000 prisoners who are living reformed lives within prison precincts.

We say, with Gen. Washington: "Neither ambition nor interest has been the impelling cause of our actions," BUT THE DESIRE TO LIFT ALL MEN NEARER TO GOD.

Ballington Booth

The Return of Popularity for Bicycle Racing

By A. G. BATCHELDER,
Chairman of the Board of Control National Cycling Association.



Cycle racing is enjoying a very prosperous inning this season owing to the widespread popularity of the Coliseum track. These tracks are six and eight laps to the mile, perfectly banked, and allow a speed of 1:20 and even under, as was evidenced by the recent record-breaking mile made by Joe Nelson, in 1:18 3-5, on the Pittsburg six-lap belt of boards. Competition on small tracks is of a most exciting character, and often arouses the unconcealed enthusiasm of the most "blase" onlooker. The pacing artillery this season has been far from satisfactory, owing to inability to obtain big horse-power motors from France. This state of affairs will undoubtedly be remedied in the near future, and another year will see a substitute of single motor pace for the present cumbersome tandems.

Particularly interesting are the sprint competitions and the introduction of intermediate prizes has done away with "loafing," a blot that formerly proved so distasteful to the patrons of the sport. Now there are many races in one, and there is not a dull moment from the crack of the pistol to the finish of the race.

Another year will undoubtedly see more coliseums erected, and a busy campaign is being planned for the coming winter in the south. New tracks at Jacksonville and St. Augustine, supplement those of Atlanta and Savannah. It is not improbable that Tampa will be favored with a board coliseum, and an invasion of Cuba may take place.

A. G. Batchelder

Almost every great line of manufactures is in a prosperous condition. All the firms are flushed with orders and are worked to their fullest capacity. NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS COUNTRY BEEN SO FULL OF ENERGY, SO ALIVE TO ITS OPPORTUNITIES.

THE ERA OF PROSPERITY

By MARSHALL CUSHING,
Manager of the National Manufacturers' Association.

The wave of prosperity is especially marked in the iron and steel industries, in paper factories, in the textile trades, in leather working and boot and shoe-making establishments.

The factories in many states are so rushed with orders that but little attention is given to export trade. Many firms are altogether refusing orders from abroad. To this condition is due the slight decrease in exports of manufactured goods during the last fiscal year.

Prices have not been enhanced to the extent that they have been in former periods of industrial activity. Therefore, production has been steady. For instance, pig iron, which is used as a raw material in such a large variety of manufactured goods, is sold at about the same price as it was in 1899.

THE CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE GREAT AGGREGATIONS OF CAPITAL IS SHOWN BY THE FACT THAT DESPITE THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING CONSUMPTION THE PRICES ARE KEPT MODERATE.

Marshall Cushing

LOUIS NAPOLEON.

As Russian General He Salded President Loubet.

Gen. Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, of the Russian army, has shaved off the close-cropped beard which he has worn until now, and the effect has been to increase his resemblance to the founder of the Bonaparte dynasty to an extraordinary extent. His elder brother, Prince Victor Napoleon, the pretender to the imperial throne of France, takes after the house of Savoy, to which he belongs through his mother, a sister of the late King Humbert. Indeed, says the Mexican Herald, Prince Victor is very like his Uncle Humbert, and there is nothing of the Bonaparte in his appearance, whereas his younger brother Louis has numerous points of feature and character in common with his granduncle, the great emperor. At a review held at St. Petersburg by the czar in honor of President Loubet Prince Louis, as general, led a brigade of cavalry past the chief magistrate of France, saluting the latter with his sword, in spite of the fact that Loubet is the head of a government which keeps Prince Victor Bonaparte banished from France.

The president responded to the salute of Prince Louis with the most marked courtesy and friendliness, giving evidence in that way of the possession of a far greater amount of tact than his predecessor, President Faure, who, at the review held in his honor on the occasion of his stay in the Russian capital some years ago, affected to be seized with a violent fit of coughing when Prince Louis led his lancer regiment past, and thus omitted to respond or acknowledge the prince's salute. After the review a very friendly conversation took place between President Loubet and Prince Louis, who ranks as an imperial highness at the Russian court and is treated as a member of the czar's family.

As usual, the prince was distinguished from all other men present by the absence of any order of decoration on his tunic. Everybody else wore some order, the prince alone wore none, and, as in the case of Lord Castlereagh, this absence of orders seemed to endow him with special distinction. Of course, the prince possesses the principal orders of Europe, including that of St. Andrew of Russia. But as a patriotic Frenchman he declines to wear any of them as long as the French government refuses to acknowledge the validity of the grant of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor made to him as a child by his uncle, Napoleon III, prior to the latter's loss of his throne.

There is no doubt that the prince is entitled to the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, as it was legitimately granted, and he has done nothing to forfeit it, and has been made the object of no decree of expulsion from the order. The refusal, therefore, of the present French government to permit his name to figure on the roster of the order, or to recognize him as one of its knights, is a mistake, which it is possible that President Loubet may see his way to have rectified.

CHAPEL UPON A BRIDGE.

Very Old Structure Used as Lighthouse Church and Dwelling-Place.

Unique is the bridge over the Ouse at St. Ives, in Huntingdonshire, England, in that it is surmounted by an ancient building now inhabited as a dwelling, but probably originally intended for a chapel to the Virgin when the structure was first erected by the abbots of Ramsay, to whom the estate, known in Domesday as Slepe, belonged.

The present bridge was built early in 1700, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, and consists of six arches, four of which are pointed and two are semicircular. The chapel crowns the center pier and is in an uncommonly fine state of repair, the upper part only having been restored after having suffered the ill effects of fire in 1689.

It is traditionally said to have been also used as a lighthouse to guide persons navigating the river at this point.

In the nearby estate of Slepe Hall, or Cromwell Place, at one time resided the ironhearted Cromwell.

When He Begins.

It isn't until after a boy has celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary that he begins to notice his father's ignorance.—Chicago Daily News.

Rouses Suspicion.

When we hear a man abuse another too much we grow suspicious, for usually there is some other reason for it.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

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