

DOOR OF HOPE OPENS FOR CONVICTS

Not Least of Questions Relating to the Criminal Is What to Do With Him When He Leaves Prison—What the Answers Are.

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Washington, Nov. 19.—At the National Prison congress, which closes its session today in Richmond, many questions were discussed relative to the criminal and his habits, crime and its cure, punishment and its modifications. None of these questions is of so much importance as that pertaining to the life of the convict after he leaves the penitentiary. According to the report made at this congress by Lieutenant Colonel Pugmire of the Salvation Army of Canada, and member of the committee on prisoners, there are now within prison walls on this continent over 100,000 human beings. Of these a great number will be discharged during the coming year, and very important questions arise: "What shall we do with them?"

Ever since prison have been known the unfortunates who have served terms within their walls have been systematically dehumanized, and when released have become more or less alien to society. Until the time of the present generation the penal institutions of this country were places of punishment, never places for curing crime as if it were a disease, and they who went out again were hard and bitter, or full of hopelessness. The history of the world was against them, and sooner or later crime claimed them again. A new era dawned, and by the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A., the Howard Association, the Volunteers of America and several private philanthropies, society was made to realize that the ex-convict is, after all, a human being, with feelings, and perhaps, hope and ambition despite his prison experience. Realizing this, means to help him on his feet again.

What the Helpers Have Done.
See what has been done by some of the ex-convicts' friends in the past year, according to Lieutenant Colonel Pugmire's report. The New Mexico Society for the Friendless met thirty prisoners on their discharge, found employment for eight and helped sixteen in other ways. The Society for the Friendless in Texas found employment for 200. The Prison Aid Association found employment for 237 and helped 109 in other ways. The Central Howard Association found employment for over 1,000 and helped 1,850 others. The Massachusetts Society met 2,000 on discharge and helped over half of them in some way. The Prison Aid Department of the Salvation Army of Canada met nearly 1,400 prisoners on discharge and found employment for 700. The Prison Aid Commission of the eastern territory of the Salvation Army of the United States of which, working Evangelist C. E. B. commander, found employment for 214 ex-prisoners, gave meals to nearly 2,000 and lodging to over 1,500.

Salvation Army's Letter.
The Salvation Army methods are typical of the way in which the prison aid societies help the newly-freed man to his feet again. To a prisoner passing through the big iron gates for the first time in perhaps ten or fifteen years, the world would seem a dreary place—relatives gone, friends far off, and the old shame heavy on his heart—were it not for the letter he gets, which reads:
"Dear Friend: According to present indications, you will be receiving your liberty in a few days, on which the Salvation Army has the opportunity of congratulating you. Now, many men leave prison without either home or employment, and find themselves in a very bad way as a result. We hope your prospect is brighter; if it is not, we invite you to call at the above address, to help you to get on your feet. We wish you a bright and happy future, we are, yours sincerely, The Prison Gate Mission of the Salvation Army."

It is a card from the nearest Salvation Army Post. Each department of the Salvation Army has a Prison Gate Mission, a phase of work of four years old. The duty of the mission is to send members of the army to the prisons to cooperate with the chaplains, where there are such, or to work independently. It has formed an association among prisoners, known as the Brighter Day League. Each member pledges himself to sobriety, obedience, kindness and clean speaking. If the ex-convict sees the Prison Gate Mission of the Salvation Army, he may go at once to the nearest post where the welcome offered on the filling given. His name, age, birthplace, address, religion, trade and marital conditions are registered. He is asked the name of his last employer, what he has been sent up for, how long he served, and what his prospects are. His immediate wants are met first, he is given means and lodging and clothing. Sometimes he needs only money to get to his people, or clothes to present a good appearance in looking for work. A bit of advice as to how to proceed.

Must Begin at the Bottom.
The Salvation Army in New York has on its list of patrons the names of some of the biggest and most influential manufacturers and business men who are willing to give the ex-convict a chance. Always, though, the first remains: He must take menial work. According to an Old World belief, when a man has sinned he must serve in some humble shape, and in some way have sinned against society here in our land must be willing, after their release, to accept of menial positions of trust are not their agents for the asking. They may have factory work in open shops, or as general laborers, or take positions in places where there is not too much temptation. The man or woman who has served time must build again from the bottom.

The Salvation Army never allows a woman to take employment in a home on her own terms, for she must spread her bad influence there. She usually gives laundry work. But employment of some kind is invariably found for those who wish it. It is not, as there is old furniture to be mended and old papers to be sorted and tied in bundles. Last year the army in New York City helped 3,468 ex-prisoners in some way.
Honor and Profit Are Possible.
Sometimes, through the Salvation Army's Prison Gate mission, ex-prisoners are sent to places of honor and well street arrived there by that route, having served time in some prison after a pyrotechnical career as a waiter of the army is running a monthly magazine, who, too, came by way of workers door detention and are on probation. Under-burglar is now a name, and a time famous one. An equally famous ex-convict, one-convict has progressed as honorably as well that he now owns two lots and has money in the bank. Every week

or so he calls at the department headquarters and deposits a small sum to be used in helping others to reach the same place of independence and right living that he has reached.
Not long ago an ex-convict, only recently released, with friends gone and nothing to do, was passing down West Fourteenth street, New York, on his way to set his light fingers to work once more at burglarizing a house. On the bulletin board in front of the Salvation Army headquarters he saw a name and stopped with idle interest. It was the name of his former prison chaplain announced to speak at an open meeting. He went in to kill time, but the talk converted him and he went out to honest work. He only told the experience a short time ago when asking to be fitted for army work.

What the Register Shows.
A glance at the daily register is interesting. Hon. the record of one man sent home, for one of the army's greatest works is to reconcile families to the ex-convict members and win their influence in helping the released prisoners keep straight. Another is given some clothes and several good meals, and another they seek to help for himself. This one is sent out to a good place as a handy man, and that one is treated from top to bottom. There are clothes so that he can get the work already promised. There are several sent temporarily to the Industrial Home, where they are kept constantly at work. This woman was given a bed for one night, and twenty-five cents daily to start her on her way to Brooklyn. At the foot of this record the ever optimistic cadet in charge has written a good woman, whom I trust. Another record shows that an Italian just from Sing Sing was given two dollars and passed on to the Italian society where he has further help. This one shows that a fellow after seven weeks' unjust sentence in the Tombs was released, the guilty party having confessed.

Confidence Sometimes Abused.
Sometimes the faith of the Salvation Army is sadly shaken, but they only work the harder to arouse manhood in those whom they seek to help. There is record of an interview with a fellow just out of Auburn, where he had done time for embezzlement. The army assigned him work with a big firm and at the bottom of the page the cadet wrote: "He seems a good fellow." An amendment a few weeks later states that the "good fellow" had relieved the firm of \$400 and skipped the city.
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The Creed of the Helper.
When the prison gate opens for each of these 4,000 or more, and for the rest of the 100,000 behind the bars on the North American continent, they will find the Salvation Army and other like organizations waiting for them. These are ready to extend a hand, to offer work, to be in a measure sponsor for them to the world, and to help them reclaim their manhood and womanhood, and to make good where they once broke faith with society and paid the price. It rests with the ex-prisoner himself whether he succeeds. The Salvation Army, and other prison aid societies, believe that "whatever his past may have been, and however far he may have gone into sin and crime, he is still a man and well worth an effort to save."

Companies Incorporated.
(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Nov. 19.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office

VON BULOW ASKS FOR MORE TAXES

Says Germany Is Despised; Army and Navy to Inspire Respect.

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Berlin, Nov. 19.—Urging increased taxation for the enlargement of naval and military equipment, Chancellor Von Bulow, who has recently been criticized by the reichstag for his defense of Emperor William and who later made himself the idol of the German people by exacting from the kaiser a promise that he would limit the imperial power, today made one of the most remarkable speeches ever delivered in the German parliament.

Still pale from his long illness and the strain of his meeting with the emperor at Potsdam, von Bulow made a vigorous address in support of his eight finance bills that were threatened with defeat in the reichstag because of the dispute between the chancellor, the emperor and the parliament.
"Germany is unpopular among the other nations of Europe," declared the chancellor, "and the only way we can regain our prestige is by the upbuilding of our naval and military forces."
"Germany needs armaments and the money with which to build them. Our financial system is our weakest point. It is the patriotic duty of the German people to inaugurate new taxes."

There is a strong sentiment among the delegates to give the chancellor a free hand and let him build up the German army and navy as he desires, but the Socialists are against any further enhancement of the military power of the empire and the consequent burden of taxation that it entails.
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(United Press Landed Wire.)
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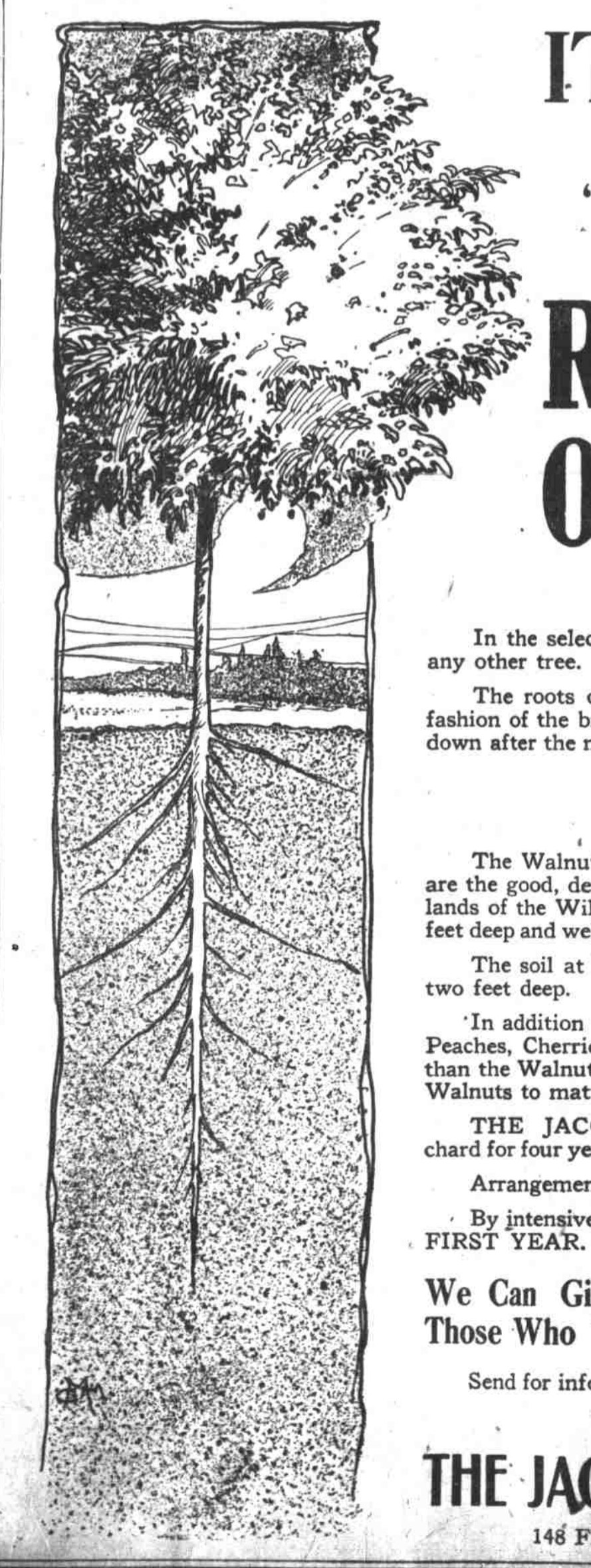
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