

## Tells Story of Privation in Soviet Jails

M. Schwartz, Once a Bolshevik, Sadly Enlightened

Lost Wife After Hunger Strike in Moscow—Escaped Himself Through Evasive Reply—Utters Warning to Reds.

St. John, Jan. 30.—(Associated Press Correspondence).—Prisoners in the jails of the Soviet Union, when condemned to death, called out to be shot by soldiers who took them into the cells after midnight, where they were left to die.

Mr. Schwartz, of San Francisco, the socialist who went to Moscow to attend a congress of the Third International, and was imprisoned there for four months.

In a previous statement, Mr. Schwartz told of the death of his wife as a result of a hunger strike she began to end her imprisonment in Moscow, denounced communism in Russia and said he was due back to America to tell the world the actual facts about the Russian situation.

Tall and gaunt, his black hair and beard heavily streaked with grey, the American, who had been a Bolshevik before a visit to Russia "saddened and enlightened" him, described in a supplemental statement, the cold fear and trembling in which Soviet prisoners sit for the visits in the dead of night.

"They always come between the hours of one and two o'clock, he said. 'A Bolshevik soldier walks into the crowd, and in the instant silence calls the names of the men, or women, or must die. In the jail where I was, they marched the prisoners down a stairway and into a courtyard. We could hear the volleys of the firing squads. Any man was called out for execution on my call during those four months of them knew why they had been condemned, but generally it was understood they were counter-revolutionaries; they were shot without trial.'

After a time the prisoners became used to these visits and, in the fifth and onlooker of prison life, ceased to care whether their names were called or not, Mr. Schwartz said. Cheery greetings were often passed as the condemned men would say their goodbyes, wave their comrades a so-long, and those remaining would cry out:

"Goodbye. See you later."

Throughout the first few nights, however, Mr. Schwartz said he trembled at his sight, and his clothes, even to his socks, were wet with perspiration.

When at last the summons came to Schwartz to leave the cell he said he was

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## THE ARGUMENT FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS

It Pays the State to Have Children Reared by Their Own Mother.

(The Outlook.)

The other day in one of our courts a mother was separated from her children. One of the children was a boy seven years old and the other a girl four years old. The mother begged to be allowed to keep them. The little boy threw himself into her arms, sobbing, "Oh, mamma, I can't leave you."

"If every Bolshevik in America could spend a few weeks in a Soviet prison," he concluded, "there would be no more followers of the Red Flag at home."

The Irish question was responsible for the longest continuous sitting ever held by the British parliament. In January, 1921, the House of Commons met on Monday afternoon and did not adjourn until 9.30 Wednesday morning, the session lasting 41 3/4 hours.

The mother wants to keep her flock together. The children want to be with the mother. But in order to earn bread and butter for her children, the poor mother must leave them and go out to work. Result, the break-up of the home.

Now, why should not the home be saved both for the mother and the children? When private benevolent organizations put this question to themselves they realize that their most important work lies in an endeavor to prevent the breaking up of families.

The object of a mother's pension law is to prevent worthy children of worthy mothers being sent to state institutions. It would give enough money to the poor mother to save her from going out to work. This money would, therefore, enable her to stay at home and care for her children.

The word "pension" is not altogether felicitous. A better word might have been "indemnity" or "compensation." But the word "pension" is justified in that the payment of money is like that of the payment made by the state or nation to soldiers, sailors, or others who have rendered public service.

William Hard, in an article on this subject says: "I see an independent citizen kept from self-support only by the presence of future citizens at her knees, and requiring in order that, as she fulfils her instinctive duty to them, she may also fulfil her indirect civic duty to the state—the means of support really for them and only incidentally for herself."

The one thing important to remember regarding mother's pensions is this: According to the heretofore common method, a mother unable to support her children has to become a wage-earner, while the state takes her children and



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employs strangers to bring them up; under the mothers' pension system this mother, instead of strangers, is paid by the state to do the very work she is presumably most fitted to do—bring up her own children. As Professor Hobhouse, the English writer says: "The mother of young children is doing a better service to the community and one more worthy of pecuniary remuneration when she stays at home and minds her children than when she goes out earning and leaves them to the chances of the street or the care of a neighbor—or we might add, even to a state institution."

QUEBEC LIQUOR LAW.

Quebec, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press).—Amendments made to the Quebec liquor bill, which was given third reading in the legislative assembly last night, only altered minor details. The measure will now be sent to the legislative council, where it will run the gauntlet of procedure. Just before the bill went through, Arthur Sauve, leader of the opposition said that members of the house had trafficked in liquor and violated the ex-

isting law. He was challenged to give names at the next session of the provincial house, and added that he would stake his seat on the result if the government would institute an investigation by royal commission, but not if the investigation were made by a committee of the house.

NAVIGATION AIDS ARE RECOMMENDED

At a council meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon the need of further navigation aids in the Bay of Fundy was discussed. Several recommendations were made by the harbor and transportation committee which included a steamer for buoy and live-saving service, the establishment of a light at Cape Sable, oil burning equipment for the Lunenburg light ship, a spare light ship and also that a survey be made of the anchorage ground of the Blonde Rock Buoy with a view to securing a smoother anchorage for the buoy. J. Hunter White of the community welfare committee, in his report laid much stress on the importance of vocational training.



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ing. A resolution endorsing this was adopted. An invitation was received from the Bathurst board for a representative to attend their annual dinner.

PAYING THE PIPER.

(Stratford Herald.)

The Non-Partisan League programme of state socialism in North Dakota appears to have collapsed completely. At the referendum held at the November election the voters approved a bill repealing the statute which compelled deposit of public funds in the Bank of North Dakota.

Consequently no money is available for the erection of the grain elevators, the flour mills, the dwelling houses, construction of which was to have been financed by the state.

In banking the Non-Partisan League has, in fact, been brought face to face with the elementary and fundamental requirements of sound business.

A number of state banks which lent on farmers' notes which were to have been taken up when the crops were sold have been unable to collect because the farmers refused to sell their wheat. Because of this, in several cases banks have been forced to suspend.

No amount of oratory will turn prom-

ises to pay into cash; it takes production and distribution to work this transformation.

What has happened in North Dakota theorists and rabid politicians, artfully is not new in principle. Half baked playing on the real and imaginary wrongs of the people, led the voters to adopt fantastic political nostrums in the mistaken belief they would cure evils they could only make worse. The result has been exactly what was predicted by unimpassioned observers.

North Dakota has danced. Now her people must pay the piper, and as they pay they must salvage what they can from the wreckage the Non-Partisan League has strewn about their state.

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