

SENTENCE OF DEATH

The Hardest Thing in Fam-
ine Relief in Russia.

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The following was contributed to the
Manchester Guardian on March 30, 1922,
by Miss Evelyn Sharpe, a relief worker
in the famine-stricken Volga regions:

"It was a joint meeting of the village
famine committee and the Friends' Re-
lief Mission, and it was held in the head-
quarters of the Alexievsky Co-operative
Society, who, here as in other parts of
the famine area, are the medium for the
administration of Russian government
relief.

When we, who wore the Quaker badge,
arrived at two o'clock, only the co-
operative people were there, although the
committee had been called for midday.
This did not seem to disconcert anybody,
however, and as messengers were sent
out to collect the others as soon as we
arrived, we got to business in less than
half an hour, which is expeditious for a
country where, although anyone will dis-
cuss with you for hours on eternity,
no one worries about a little thing like
time.

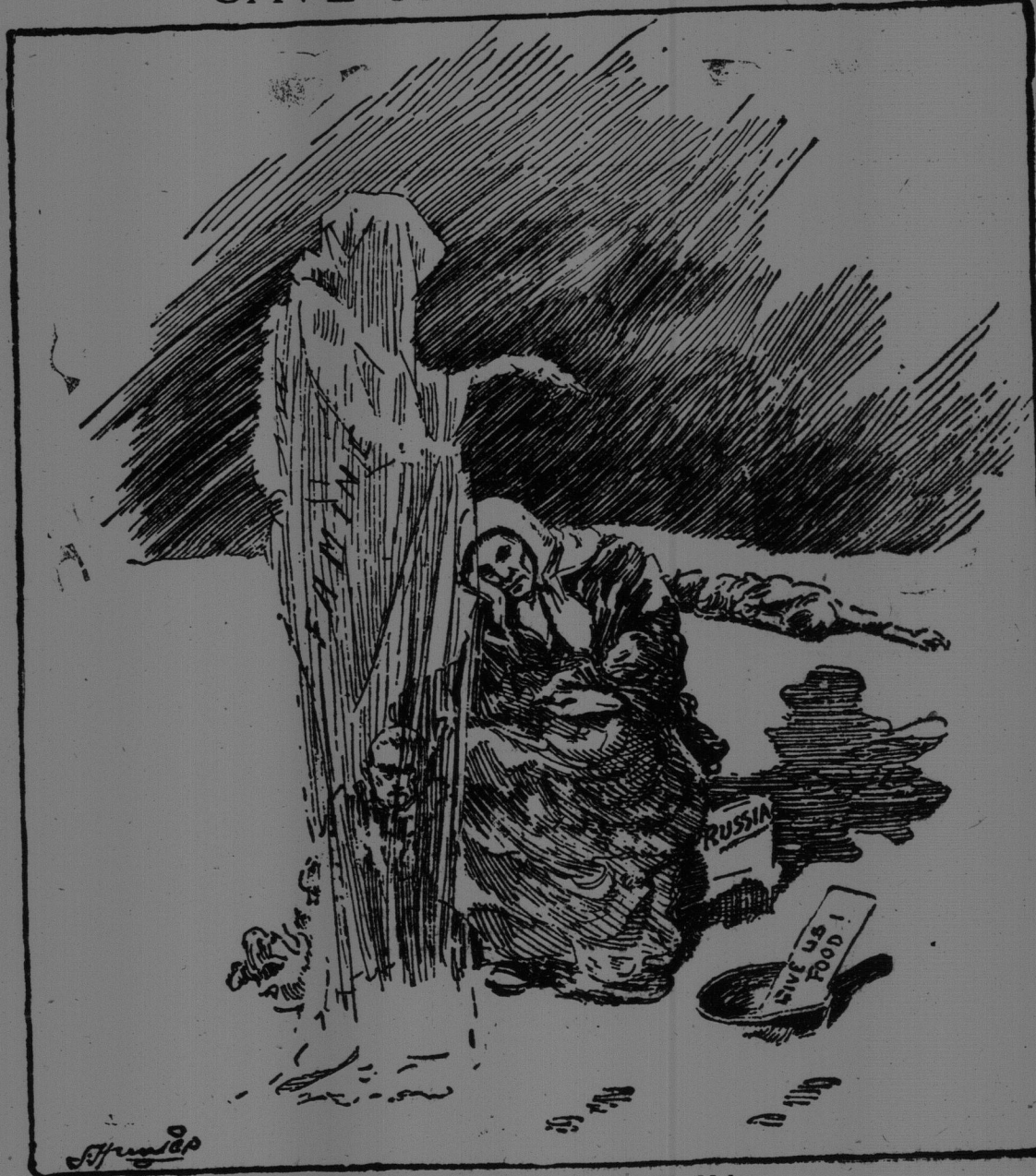
It reminded me rather of a parish
council meeting in any English village,
though the frozen double windows, and
the stove that warmed the room to suf-
focation, and the sheepskin coats and fur
hats and embroidered felt boots of the
men who drifted in by degrees gave it a
Russian setting enough. Still, the post-
master, who was late because his work
kept him in a post office where there was
no post, and the peasant in the chair
who would not be hurried, and the secre-
tary of the parish council (or local
Soviet) who tried to hurry him, and the
silent members who never budged from
their non-committal attitude were all
pretty familiar in the common humanity
that lurked beneath their orange-colored
shubas. And as if to make us forget
even more completely that we were
really about 8,000 miles from the nearest
English village, and only about 40 from
Asia, our eyes fell upon a bust in the
corner of the room, on which was carved
a name that had an absurd appearance
like this, "Pobep Obep," but, being in-
terpreted, meant Robert Owen. That
sudden reminder of the beginnings of
the Co-operative movement in merry Eng-
land seemed to take us farther away than
ever from famine-stricken Russia.

The item of the agenda that concerned
the Quakers having been dealt with, we
left the committee-room to go on to our
next business. But we had first to pass
through a large outer room, and it was
here that we were brought back with a
jerk to Russia and to the colossal cala-
mity which in Alexievsky alone has reduced
a population of 8,000 to 3,869 and is re-
ducing it still more as these words are
written.

The Cry of the Unfed.
The room was recently full of villagers,
men and women; and at sight of us they
fell dramatically upon their knees, and
with outstretched arms began to chant
a kind of dismal refrain which was trans-
lated to me as meaning: "Feed us,
too! We have nothing; we are starving!"
It was an unforgettable sight. Wearing
their Eastern head-coverings and gar-
ments, and making their Eastern ges-
tures, they were more reminiscent of the
Old Testament than anything else; and,
indeed, the tragic cry they raised voiced
an elemental need that is as old as the
creation of man.

One or two detached themselves from
the others and acted as spokesmen.
There was one with a lined and haggard
face whom one took for an old woman
till her shawl fell back and disclosed the
fair hair of a girl. There was a man so
weak and shrunken that he could scarcely
stand. There were others so near

SAVE THE CHILDREN



Common Humanity Demands that We Help.

death's door that they could only
support these two by moaning their me-
chanical prayer for bread. The spokesman
begged us, not indeed to take the Quaker
ration from those who had it already,
but to divide it up so that all might have
a little. It was heart-rending to have
to listen to such a plea. In this district
of Samara, for which the Friends' Relief
Mission have made themselves re-
sponsible, they are feeding some 60,000
destitute. But these have to be selected
from at least 180,000 adults who are
starving in this limited area alone; and in
Alexievsky, a typical village of the
Buzuluk district, selection so far had
merely differentiated some who were
starving from others who were starving.
"None is worse than another; all are
destitute," had been the simple answer
that morning of the local authority
whom we had asked for a list of the
worst cases. We tried to tell them, in
our own broken Russian and also
through interpreters, that to divide the
ration would save no one; that we made
it our rule to feed only those whom we
could feel certain of being able to con-
tinue feeding until after the harvest; that
we would increase the numbers fed as
soon as sufficient supplies from England
made it possible.

But it was a sentence of death we were
talking on them. We knew it, and they
knew it. Unless those fresh supplies
came speedily most of the poor creatures
we saw before us would just die. "Feed
us! We are starving; we have nothing!"

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cleansing than now, and the one
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they continued to wall with remorseless
logic.

The Help That Cannot Be Given.

We left them like that—still on their
knees, imploring us for the help we could
not give them, just the meagre ration,
less than a pound of foodstuffs a day,
that would suffice to keep the life spark
in them until once more they should see
the Volga valley rich with corn. And
we could not give it them because enough
kind people in our own country—I am
sure they are all kind—had not the
imagination to visualize what it means
to sit all day in a little bare wooden
house, with nothing in the cupboard ex-
cept a compound of earth and grass, just
dying in sharp agonies of pain, day
by day the blessed sleep comes that
ends in death.

I do not know what they felt when
they saw us turn our backs upon them.
I only know what we felt. It seemed
to me an unjust burden to be added to
that already borne by the British men
and women who are working continuous-
ly out there (not birds of passage like
myself and other investigators)—always
faced, day in and day out, with an an-
guish for the relief of which they are
dependent upon private charity in their
own country.

The District referred to by the cor-
respondent, is immediately adjoining the
Saratov region wherein the British and
Canadian Save the Children Fund
organizations have undertaken the feed-
ing of 250,000 children.

LEPER'S CHILD NOT INFECTED

Remarkable Feature of the
Dread Disease Told of by
Miss Strickland—Mission
at Tarn Taran.

(Toronto Globe)

Miss Ethel Strickland, a missionary
on furlough from India, was the speaker
at a meeting of the Mission to Lepers,
Toronto Auxiliary, held in Sherbourne
House yesterday afternoon, Rev. D. B.
Langford presiding. Tarn Taran, where
Miss Strickland was stationed, was a
sacred town of the Sikhs, and because of
the supposed cleansing power of the
water in the village pond, had drawn
lepers from practically all over the north-
western part of India, especially from
the mountain district. At the present time
a whole quarter of the town was in-
habited by victims of the disease.
Through the efforts of the government
and the missionaries, one of the most
beautiful asylums in India had been
erected for the unfortunate sufferers.

One of the extraordinary features of
leprosy, Miss Strickland stated, was that
it was not inherited. Children of lepers,
although often delicate, were uninfected,
and, therefore, it was most imperative
that the parents should allow their chil-
dren to live outside the compound in the
care of the missionaries.

The report of the treasurer showed a
total of \$4,547 received since the first
of January to date.

SAVES SUICIDE IN MIDSEA.

Ship's Master-at-Arms Rescues Seaman
Who Jumps Overboard.

David Butler, master-at-arms on the
United States line steamer Lone Star
State, was the hero last week of a thrill-
ing rescue at sea. With Frank Young,
a seaman who was ill, he was walking
on the upper deck when Young suddenly
jumped overboard. Butler leaped after
the man.

The sea was rough and the rescuer's
efforts were further handicapped by the
unwillingness of the sick man to be
saved. He finally swam with Young to
the liner and both men were hauled on
board.

St. David's Dramatic Club presented
the play, "Comrades," under the auspices
of St. George's Athletic Club, in the
City Hall in Carleton last evening. The
German street Baptist church orchestra,

under the direction of Dr. P. L. Bonnell,
furnished a musical programme. The
cast of characters was the same as when
the play was given a short time ago.

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BENNY SWIM IS INDICTED TWICE BY GRAND JURY

Woodstock, April 25—The supreme
court, with Chief Justice McKeown pre-
siding, was in session today and ad-
journing until 10 o'clock tomorrow, when
the case of Benny Swim, charged with
the murder at Benton Ridge on March
27 of Harvey Trenholm and his wife,
Olivia, will be taken up. The couple were
shot and killed at a house Trenholm was
about to purchase.

The grand jury found a true bill in
both cases. The grand jury is composed
of Alexander Ritchie, foreman; Gordon
Colwell, Harry Shaw, Newcombe Far-
her, David Phillips, Howard Reid, Carey
Dickinson, J. Harold Hayden, Thaddeus
Dibbles, Wilfred Kirkpatrick and George
Mitchell.

At the afternoon session Benny Swim
was brought into court and placed in the
prisoner's box. He was very neatly at-
tired and seemingly unconcerned about
his surroundings. The big court house
was packed and Swim was the cynosure
of all eyes, but it did not affect him in
the least and when questioned by the
chief justice as to whether he had en-
deavored to get counsel he replied in a
clear voice that he had and was unan-
ciously complied with the request.

P. J. Hughes is conducting the pro-
secution.

Trenholm was a returned soldier and
belonged to Bayfield, Westmorland
county.

MILITIA OFFICERS CONFIRMED IN RANK

According to notice printed in the
Royal Gazette the following provisional-
ly appointed officers, having qualified
themselves for the appointments, are con-
firmed in their rank from the dates set
opposite their names:

Major A. T. McLean, 8th Princess
Louise's New Brunswick Hussars, May
1, 1920.

Lieut. H. W. Redstone, 8th Princess
Louise's New Brunswick Hussars, June
14, 1921.

Lieut. (superannuated) T. McClure,
8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick
Hussars, December 13, 1920.

Captain R. V. Jones, 8th Woodstock
Battalion, C.F.A., April 29, 1921.

Lieut. (superannuated) B. W. Turn-
bull, 8th N. B. Heavy Brigade, C.A.,
December 15, 1915.

Permitted to Retire.

Heavy artillery—8th N. B. Heavy Bri-
gade—6th Siege Battery—Provisional
Lieut. A. E. Brown is permitted to re-
tire, November 28, 1921.

MURDER BY TELEPHONE IS LATEST IN CRIME

London, April 26—Bernhard Kobler,
a business man in Berlin, is on trial on a
charge of committing murder by tele-
phone. Kobler, the evidence showed,
telephoned daily to another merchant
suffering from consumption and anon-
ymously asked such questions as: "Have
you still got your lung?" or "You had
better hang yourself out of the window,
because you will fall in business anyway
before you die." As a result, the sick
man suffered a nervous collapse and died
prematurely.

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**CANADIAN CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING**
At the annual meeting of the Cana-
dian Club, held in Bond's restaurant last
evening, Sheriff A. A. Wilson was elected
president for the ensuing year. A con-
siderable amount of business was trans-
acted at the meeting and a fine address
was delivered by Professor W. Morley
Tweedie, M. A., of Mount Allison Uni-
versity, on the educational progress at
Oxford last July.
The first business of the evening was
the address by the retiring president, H.
A. Porter, who told of the prominent
speakers who had addressed the club
during the year. He made a strong ap-
peal for a better attendance at the lun-
cheons and closed with a word of ap-
preciation for the co-operation of the of-
ficers and executive of the club.
The secretary, C. W. Romans, read
the fifteenth annual report. There had
been five meetings of the executive with
an average attendance of ten and there
had been twelve meetings of the club
with an average attendance of sixty-
three. During the year seventy-two new
members had joined while fifty-nine had
been lost, making the present member-
ship 673.
The report of the literary secretary,
W. J. S. Myles, was taken as read.
The treasurer's report, presented by
W. Grant Smith, showed that the total
receipts of the club had been \$977.03 and
the expenditures \$926.75, leaving a bal-
ance of \$50.28.
The nominating committee named the

**CHARGE THAT HE
CARRIED DYNAMITE
IN A STREET CAR**
D. Babcock was brought before the
magistrate yesterday afternoon to an-
swer to the charge of carrying dynamite
in a street car on March 2. The report
was made by a Dominion policeman,
who testified that he saw the accused
carrying nearly two pounds of dynamite
and some detonators in his pocket.
said that he had ordered the accused to
the street car and he had refused at first
to leave it. He said that later Babcock
reconsidered and left the car. Two clerks
from W. H. Thorne & Co.'s testified
that they had sold the accused the ex-
plosives on the day in question. The
case was postponed until the magistrate
could look into the matter more full-
ly. E. J. Henneberry conducted the pro-
secution.

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