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## SHOT BY SOLDIERS WHO STALK IN CELL

### Such is the Report as to Prisoners in Jail in Soviet, Russia, When Condemned.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Prisoners in the jail of Soviet Russia, when condemned to death, are called out to be shot by soldiers who stalk into the cells after midnight, declares M. Schwartz, of San Francisco, the socialist who went to Moscow to attend a congress of the Third Internationale 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 going back to America to tell the workers there 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 wait 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 crowded cell and in the instant silence calls out the names of the men, or women, who must die. In the jail where I was, they marched the prisoners down a starway and into a court yard. We could hear the volleys of the firing squads. Many men were called out for execution from my cell during those four months. Few 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 inured to these visits and, in the fifth and monotonous 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 were marched out. The men about to die would say their good byes, wave their cell comrades a so-long, and those remaining would cry out:

"Good-by. See you later." Throughout the first few nights, however, Mr. Schwartz said he trembled as with ague, and his clothes even to his overcoat, were wet with perspiration. Other prisoners, some of whom had been in the jail for more than a year, took the matter cynically and told him with apparent relish the horses through which they had gone.

When at last the summons came to Schwartz to leave the cell he said he was certain he was going to the place of execution. But they led him upstairs instead of down. He was taken before an official named Feldman, in whose hands was the power of life and death over all the prisoners in his charge. This man said he had reviewed Schwartz' case and that American was free to go. Then the Bolshevik said:

"Will you tell me what you think of the Soviet government? Will you go back to the United States and speak against us?"

There was a long pause in which thoughts of the four months in prison and the executioners thronged into the American's mind. Then he replied:

"If your government really represents the working men I am for it. All my life I have worked for the laboring classes."

Envious thought it was Schwartz said the reply appeared to satisfy the Soviet official, who affected a pleasantry and dismissed him.

"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."

## BRUSH DESTROYERS AT \$3.00 A HEAD

Sheep are now down to the ridiculous low price of 3.00 a hundred pounds, which means that full grown ewes will bring from about \$2.00 to \$3.50 a head—about one-tenth their price two years ago this winter. There every one was buying. Now no one wants them. But right now the rule of the old Montana horseman is worth remembering. He made his fortune, he says, by selling when the majority wanted to buy, and buying when every one else wanted to sell. A mighty sensible plan to follow. Sheep will not stay long at such an absurd price—the cost of two good hens. If one got them only to clean up his place, to mow down his weeds and destroy his brush, they would be worth more than their present price.

The 1920 value of Canada's fur farm industry is placed at \$3,968,591.

## OHIO POSTOFFICE ROBBED BY BANDITS

### Escape from Office With Six Registered Sacks. Loss Aggregate Half Million.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Sheriff Taylor and a posse has surrounded several places at Point Place, six miles north of here in search for five armed bandits who early today held up three clerks in the main postoffice and escaped with six sacks of registered mail. The postmaster is unable to say what loss is involved.

Later: The postal authorities say the loss may total a half million. The police claim that the loss in currency alone may be between three and four hundred thousand dollars.

## COST OF LIVING DECLINES IN ENGLAND

### According to the Labor Correspondents of the Various London Newspapers, Said.

London, Feb. 17.—Labor correspondents of various London newspapers assert the cost of living has declined in Great Britain and that a reduction of wages is inevitable. They report decreases in wages already have occurred in cases where sliding scales of pay were based on the selling prices of the goods produced.

These wage cuts however, are mostly in trades which are poorly organized. There is a good deal of speculation among the labor writers as to the attitude of workers in highly organized trades when they are called upon to accept a lower wage, in accordance with previously arranged plans based upon the cost of living.

The Ministry of Labor official figures on the cost of living for working class families, show that at the end of December the percentage was 169 higher than in 1914 against the November figure of 176, while for January it was expected to reach 165.

This, while alleviating the lot of the worker to some extent and assisting employers, will not solve the present acute unemployment situation and many agreements have been come to during the past week or two whereby workers have decided to go on short time or accept less money in order to avoid a total closing down of works.

The Furness Iron masters and representatives of the men's union have met and the latter decided to accept a reduction of wages from 22 shillings and eight pence to 19 and seven pence a day, so that work may be resumed in the iron mines.

The number of unemployed in Great Britain is given on Labor Exchange books as 859,000, while other authorities place the total of people without work at 1,500,000.

Short time is soon to go into force in the government dockyards and other government establishments.

## CENSORSHIP FIGHT WILL START TODAY

### Joint Education Committee Will Hear Thomas Dixon and Others on the Measure

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The race of battle will be drawn on the Matthews-Vasser-McCain bill to provide for the censorship of moving pictures and accompanying advertising matter when the measure comes up before the Joint Committee on Education this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and from indications the struggle will be titanic.

First and foremost among the cards to be played by the opposition to the measure will be Thomas Dixon, North Carolina's most noted author, dramatist and producer of moving pictures. He will speak before the committee, and no doubt he will draw a crowded gallery. Other than he, there will be a big delegation of moving picture exhibitors and producers, many of them coming from without the State to fight the measure.

Aligned against these will be a strong representation of the organized women of the State, representative ministers from any denominational organizations over the State, and men and women prominent in professional and business circles. No effort will be made to complete the hearing today, and it will be continued until next Tuesday afternoon.

## CHARGE: HUSBAND SOLD HER TO FAMILY BUTCHER FOR \$500 LOT



Mrs. Cora Johnson, of Rockford, Ill., who was "traded" by her husband, Eric Johnson, to their butcher, Berger Peterson, for a vacant lot valued at \$500. The strange transfer came to light when Johnson was arrested for disorderly conduct when he attempted to retrieve his wife. Johnson had agreed to relinquish all rights to her in consideration of the transfer of the lot, Mrs. Johnson told the police. She has been living with Peterson. Peterson and Mrs. Johnson were also arrested and their story is being investigated. Mrs. Johnson says she loves Peterson and will try to get a divorce so that she may marry him.

## LARGE INCREASE DEATH REPORTED

### In Budapest Among Children During the Past Year Shown by Officials Statement.

Paris, Feb. 17.—A startling increase in the number of deaths of children in Budapest in the past year is shown by official reports of the Budapest Health Department received here. The figures of 1914 which showed that the number of births exceeded the deaths by 208,000 were approximately reversed in 1920. Forty-five percent of the deaths were of children under seven years old, while 37 per cent were of children from the homes of the poorest people.

"This proves," the health department states, "that infant mortality in Hungary is due chiefly to miserable conditions in general and particularly to underfeeding."

## CARUSO CONDITION IS STILL SERIOUS

### Rallies However from His Second Relapse. Reported Held His Own During Night.

New York, Feb. 17.—The condition of Caruso still continues to be unsatisfactory and is still critical according to the statement issued by the attending physicians this morning at 9:30. The statement that no opinion could be expressed one way or another but the condition of the tenor was very critical.

Word has reached the newspapers that the patient has rallied from his second relapse early this morning but was again very weak. Twelve tanks of oxygen were sent to the sick room during the night.

New York, Feb. 17.—Caruso held his own during the night. His physicians announced while not minimizing the gravity of his illness they indicated that if he passed the crisis today he had a fair chance of recovery. He slept some last night and his temperature is lower than any time since his serious heart attack Tuesday night.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**  
Friday—Holy Communion 11 A. M. Children's Lenten Service 4:30 P. M.  
Litanies 7:30 P. M.  
Special intercessions for missions at all services.

**COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING LYNCHING**  
Athens, Georgia, Feb. 17.—The state and county authorities began an investigation of the lynching last night of John Eberhardt, a negro suspected of the murder of Miss Walter Lee, a white woman. The negro was taken from the Clarke county jail here and burned to a stake near the scene of the alleged crime in Coconee county, 7 miles away.

## ROAD BILL PASSED ON 2ND READING

### Final Vote Will be Taken in the House Today. All Amendments Voted Down

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The opposition to the Doughton-Connor-Bowie road bill mobilized only 21 votes to match against the 91 in the hands of the proponents of the measure when the test was made at 10:30 last night. The measure was passed on its second reading and will come up for final consideration at the hands of the lower house this morning at 11 o'clock.

With the clock-like regularity every amendment that was offered to the measure, with the exception of a few minor changes by way of clarification, was voted down under an overwhelming chorus of "noes," and the Darden amendment submitting the matter to a vote of the people in June was rejected by a recorded vote of 75 to 36. Several of the amendments offered the previous night and yesterday morning were withdrawn.

Early after the debate was resumed yesterday morning, the opposition to the measure began to melt perceptibly, and by the re-convening of the session last night at 8 o'clock it was apparent that when the proponents of the measure were disposed to call for the question it would have an overwhelming victory. Seven hours of debate had taken all the fight out of the opposition.

Only one serious attempt to alter the provisions of the measure was made last night, when Minority Leader Williams, after ridiculing the measure at some length, offered an amendment reducing the authorized bond issue from \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000. McBee, Grant and McGuire, all members of the minority delegation, turned upon him with such bitterness that practically the entire Republican membership of the House cast affirmative votes for the bill. Williams, calling for division of his amendment, was unable to secure sufficient backing for a roll call.

Representative Brown and Smith, of Pitt county, voted against the measure.

## HEALTH TALKS TO TRAINING SCHOOL

### Miss Dinwiddie Is Spending a Few Days at the Institution Addressing Students.

Miss Dinwiddie a representative from the National Headquarters is spending a few days in the Training School in the interest of Health Education. She is giving talks to the students on the essentials of health and showing them how to create an interest in health work among the children in the schools.

She makes very clear that if we do the right thing we need not worry about the wrong. Her definition of health is that it should give that abundance of life, overflowing with energy, that makes it a joy to begin a new day, and with such reserve forces that it is not exhausted by the day's work. This is in contrast to the old idea of feeling that one must take care of themselves to keep from suffering the consequence. The old idea seemed to be to keep out of bed and get through the day, and paid more attention to disease.

She gave six of the eight rules that are learned and followed by the children. These are: Take a full bath more than once a week, brush the teeth at least once a day; sleep long hours with the window open; drink plenty of milk and no tea or coffee, eat plenty of fruit and vegetables; and take plenty of play and exercise.

She showed how to present the necessity for each of these by showing the rewards for keeping them rather than the punishments for breaking them. She presented it as a game, with certain rules to follow.

Miss Dinwiddie will later take up the work in detail. Her visit should mean much to these young women who are going out into the State to put into practice her teachings.

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COM. MEETS IN WASHINGTON TODAY

Washington, Feb. 17.—Reorganization of the Democratic party machinery preparatory to the congressional campaign of twenty-two and the presidential campaign of twenty-four, is the topic set for discussion at the meeting here today of Chairman White of the national committee and members of the executive committee recently appointed.

## PITTSBURGH BANKER MAY BE APPOINTED SECRETARY OF TREASURY



Andrew William Mellon, of Pittsburgh, one of the foremost and most powerful bankers in America, as well as one of the greatest industrial leaders, who is being mentioned as Secretary of the Treasury in the Harding Cabinet. Mr. Mellon is a director of fifteen or more banks.

## TRIANGULAR HIGH SCHOOLS DEBATE

### Will Take Place on April First and the Eliminating Contest at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 17.—Wide-sweeping plans concerning debating and athletic activities in hundreds of North Carolina high schools have been announced at the University of North Carolina.

Secretary E. R. Rankin, of the high school debating union, announced that the time for the triangular high school debates had been decided on April 1, and that the further eliminating contests at Chapel Hill for the championship of the state and the Aycock Memorial Cup would take place two weeks later, April 14 and 15.

The number of high schools entered in the debating contest this year has mounted to 238, covering 90 of the 100 counties. Buncombe, Gaston, Guilford, and Pitt counties have 8 schools each; Moore and Robeson counties have 7 schools each entered; Wayne and Johnston have 6 each; and Alamance, Duplin, Mecklenburg, Rockingham and Wake have 5 each.

These 238 schools, each with affirmative and negative teams, will fight out among themselves the question of collective bargaining, and those school winning both sides of the contest will send their teams to Chapel Hill for the further eliminating contests.

Mr. Rankin has announced also that 39 high schools have entered teams in the seventh annual basketball championship series, 19 teams from the eastern part of the state and 20 from the west. The eastern teams are Elizabeth City, Greenville, Fremont, Wilson Durham, Benson, Cary, Clayton, Belhaven, Wilmington, New Bern Chapel Hill, Philadelphus, Red Oaks, Raleigh, Stems, Roxboro and Mason's Cross.

From the west the teams are Burlington, Statesville, Jamestown, Siler City, Matthews, Mooresville, Candier, Asheville, Leaksville, Dixie, Charlotte, Badin, Concord, Belmont, Greensboro, Reidsville, Winston-Salem, Startown, and Biltmore.

Managers from the 19 eastern teams met in Raleigh, Feb. 14, to arrange dates for elimination games to decide the eastern championship. Details for the western championship were decided at a meeting of the western managers in Greensboro, Feb. 15.

At the same time that the high school debating championship is being decided in Chapel Hill, the week of April 11-16, the ninth annual interscholastic track meet will be held and the fifth annual interscholastic tennis tournament. The week will be given over almost entirely to high school activities and many other events are being planned in celebration of the event.

Last year the debating championship was won by Asheville, the basketball championship by Wilmington, the tennis tournament by Wilson in both singles and doubles, it being the second successive year that Wilson won, and the track meet was won by Friendship, which has stood at the top for the past seven years.

## TWENTY-TWO TEAMS ENTER FOR CONTEST

### For the State High School Basketball Championship Series to Be Pulled Off.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 17.—Managers of 22 eastern teams which have entered the contest for the state high school basketball championship series meeting in Raleigh Tuesday night, arranged dates for elimination games to decide the eastern championship. E. R. Rankin, secretary of the university committee in charge of the contest, and W. McK. Fetzer, director of athletics at the university, also a member of the committee, were present, but the managers themselves made their own schedules.

According to the present arrangements two games will be played Feb. 19, Roxboro vs. Chapel Hill at Roxboro, and Durham vs. Raleigh at Durham. Elm City will play Red Oak, Feb. 21, at Red Oak and on Feb. 18 the following games will take place: Cary vs. Stems at Durham; Benson vs. Clayton at Smithfield; Sanford vs. Fayetteville at Fayetteville; Wilson vs. Fremont at Goldsboro; New Bern vs. Greenville at New Bern; Elizabeth City vs. Belhaven at Belhaven; Philadelphus vs. Mason's Cross. Wilmington and Rocky Mount drew no opponents in the first round.

In the second round the winner of the Roxboro-Chapel Hill game will play Rocky Mount; the Durham-Raleigh winner vs. the Cary-Stems winner; the Elm City-Red Oak winner vs. the Benson-Clayton winner; the Sanford-Fayetteville winner vs. the Philadelphus-Mason's Cross winner; the Wilson-Fremont winner vs. Wilmington; the New Bern-Greenville winner vs. the Elizabeth City-Belhaven winner. All these games will be Feb. 25, except the Durham-Raleigh vs. Cary-Stems contest, which will be Feb. 28.

So many contingencies were involved that the managers did not attempt to carry the series further and another meeting will probably be called.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH INTERIOR

### Memorial Baptist Are Having Auditorium Repainted and New Lights Installed.

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Members of the Memorial Baptist church congregation, those who have not attended services lately, will be agreeably surprised when they do decide to attend again. The interior of the church is being renovated throughout. The walls and ceiling are now being treated to a coat of old ivory and the pews will be transformed from their present color to that of a light oak. The Smith Electrical Co., of this city, has just installed forty-two white Mazda lamps, which provide a bright cheerful light, being so well diffused that the glare has been avoided and the strain on the eye reduced to a minimum. The old-style electric lights have been done away with entirely. The work being done, when completed will make the church auditorium one of the most attractive in the city.

**PROBLEMS VARIOUS KINDS DISCUSSED BY HARDING**  
St. Augustine, Feb. 17.—Problems of various kinds to be solved before the inauguration were talked over today by Harding and Harry Daugherty of Ohio, who managed his campaign for the presidency last spring and who it is expected will be attorney general in the new cabinet.

The final make-up of the cabinet occupied the first place in the computations. The only cabinet posts not yet virtually assigned are navy, commerce and labor.

## PILOT BOAT AND SHIP IN CRASH

Newport News, Va., Feb. 17.—The Maryland pilot boat *Carmina* and the American-Hawaiian steamship *Dakota* collided at Cape Henry this morning, both being slightly damaged. Mistaken signals are said to have been responsible for the collision. The *Dakota* came here on coal and the pilot boat still is on duty.

**Little Bruin Says**



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## 8-LB. OPOSSUM IS CAUGHT BY TRIXY

### Located Last Night in Backyard of Mr. John Horne's Home on Dickinson Ave.

"Trixy" Policeman Stokes' canine, added more laurels to his record last night. Not only is "Trixy" a first class hunter of rats, destroying nine within an hour's time this week but he killed three more last night and then wound up the night by freeing an 8-pound opossum in the back yard of Mr. John Horne's home on Dickinson Avenue. "Trixy" was on his way home with his master and when passing the house of Mr. Horne, caught the scent of something-out of the ordinary so he decided to investigate. Policeman Stokes knowing something was in the wind lured for awhile. He did not have long to wait for "Trixy" put up a growl and a yelp that made the neighborhood arouse. A hurried investigation followed. The policeman thought sure "Trixy" had captured another rat, but it proved to be a genuine North Carolina-Pitt county 'possum.

## GIVE ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL AT E.C.T.T.

### All of the School Was Invited. The Girls Played Beautifully. Much Enjoyed.

Members of the two academic classes at the Training School, the "A" and "B" Classes, gave their annual piano recital at the twilight hour yesterday. This recital was not for the public, but all the school was invited. The girls played beautifully and the audience enjoyed the recital greatly. The program was as follows:

- March—Strauss, Dora Mitchell and Sadie Meyers.
- Shepherd's Lullaby—Frime, Clara Dowdy.
- Happy Farmer—Schumann, Vida Cahoon.
- Little Rogue—Hoffman, Viola Rimmer.
- The Robbins—Virgil, Sadie Meyers.
- General Boom Boom—Poldini—Mittie West.
- Serenade from Don Giovanni, Mozart Vivian Rice, Kathleen Jones, Kansas Hooper, and Leona Johnson.
- Vocal solo—Leona Johnson.
- Gavotte in B Flat—Handel, Kansas Harper.
- Valse Melodique—Barbour, Dora Mitchell.
- Cradle Song—Czernowsky, Vivian Rice.
- Spinning song—Whiting, Kathleen Jones.

## 20 STATES WITH WISCONSIN CHALLENGE COMMERCE COM.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Twenty states will join with Wisconsin in challenging before the Supreme court February 23rd the right of the Interstate Commerce commission to regulate railroad rates under transportation act was announced here today after a two day's conference of the attorney generals of twelve states.

## WILL OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Washington, Feb. 17.—A program relating to future activities of the democratic party organization will be submitted to the executive committee here tomorrow by George White, chairman of the national committee. Mr. White reached Washington today and would not comment on the executive committee meeting further than to say he would lay before it such a program.