

CLASS SYSTEM IN RUSSIA EXTENDS TO RATIONING OF SOAP

By Associated Press

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—There is a class system in Russia more rigid than in what the Bolsheviks call the "capitalistic countries," and it even extends to the manner in which soap is rationed, says M. Schwartz, the San Francisco Socialist, who recently was released from prison in Moscow and sent with his dying wife to the Estonian border.

"Before I went to Russia and saw the Soviet government at close range, I believed Lenin and Trotzky were really trying to do away with the class system," said M. Schwartz in telling many interesting details of his sojourn in the land of the Soviets, supplementing the statement which he made immediately upon his arrival here.

No Regard for Rights.

"I soon found out in Petrograd and Moscow and other Russian cities and villages that the class system under the Bolsheviks is more rigid than in capitalistic countries," he went on. "This system is administered with utter disregard for human rights and the teachings of more or less civilization.

"Lenin and Trotzky and their associates at the top of the scheme enjoy the greatest luxury. There is plenty of food for the commissars, but the folks further down the scale are rationed according to their attitude toward the government.

"Even the soap is graded according to the class system. The commissars have good toilet soap. Slightly less desirable soap is given to their immediate subordinates and there are third and fourth grade soaps for those away from the Kremlin crowd. The fellow who gets the fourth grade soap must have a terrible time scrubbing up with it for it is about like pinecone stone.

Workers are Hoodwinked.

"I can't see why laboring people the world over should support another kind of class government in Russia, a class government which is ruthless, brutal and unjust to a degree that would overthrow any set of rulers not supported by a gigantic army," said Mr. Schwartz. "My fellow workers in England and America have been hoodwinked, many of them, by such men as John Reed and other communists who didn't know the Russian language."

"I found the opposition to the government was universal. Men, women and children of all classes with whom I talked told me of the horror of the situation. And bear in mind that these people talked at the peril of their lives. If I had repeated what they said to any official of the government they would probably have been shot. But their misery is so great they can't refrain from talking to a stranger."

Mr. Schwartz was born in Germany, but was taken to Russia by his parents when he was still an infant and grew up in Odessa and Kiev. He attended a Russian university and became an officer in the old army. When about 27 years old he went to America, where he became a citizen and has lived for 27 years. He first worked in America as a street railroad employee and then became a labor organizer.

MADAME MELBA REPORTED DYING



Madame Melba.

While the operatic world is cast in gloom over the serious illness of Enrico Caruso, world's greatest tenor, there comes word from Monte Carlo that Madame Melba another celebrated songbird is dying there from a severe attack of influenza.

Suburban

MIDDLEBORO, Ind.—Mrs. Sadie Golden and grandson, David, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Norm Kirkman...Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mills of Richmond called on Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Harlurick...Mrs. Walter Brooks and son, Robert, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Harry Partie, Isaac Brooks and John Wickett of Richmond, were visitors in Middleboro Wednesday...Mrs. Ross Marine of Tipton and Mrs. Goldie Evans of Richmond are spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Danner. Mr. Danner is still very weak....Mrs. Sam Cook of Ft. Wayne spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cook of this place....A large number of young people gathered at the Gleaners' hall Monday night and enjoyed a valentine party. Ice cream and cake were served....Mrs. Cleo Hartwick called on Mrs. Lyndsay Canady Tuesday evening....Mrs. Garnett Smith was in Richmond Tuesday on business....Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pyle and Harold Lloyd are spending a few days in Lynn, Ind....Mrs. Sadie Golden and grandson, David, called on Mrs. Cora Little Wednesday....Mrs. Clyde Thomas' class are planning on organizing at this time and would like to have all members present.

CARLOS CITY, Ind.—A woman speaker from Purdue university had a meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening for the women and girls. Her subject was Home Economics. She gave a very interesting talk and organized a sewing club for the school

FAIR HAVEN, O.—Zeno Roberts was in Eaton Monday....Mr. and Mrs. Ellis A. White and daughters, Grace and Ruby, spent Sunday at the home of Charles Philpott....John Wallace spent last Monday in Hamilton....Miss Marguerite Brown spent Tuesday evening at the home of Lou Foley....Mr. and Mrs. James Heavener and son, Myrl, spent Monday in Richmond....Clarence Barnhart was in Eaton Wednesday....Mrs. Sanford Davis spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Alex Keller....Rev. Shriver gave a very interesting talk to the high school Wednesday afternoon on "Why I Chose Ministry as My Vocation"....Misses Pearl and Lucile Craig spent Sunday at the home of Zeno Roberts....Miss Kathryn Wallace visited the high school last Thursday....Miss Grace White of Richmond spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis White....Leo Reasonback is now staying at the home of Sam E. Morton....Mrs. Will Laird is ill at her home....Mr. and Mrs. Will Bishop spent Thursday in Richmond....James Reynolds of

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girls. They will meet Saturday afternoon, February 26th at the school house for the first lesson. The ladies of this vicinity will meet at Albina Cogshall's home next Wednesday afternoon to talk about organizing a Home Economics Club....Mrs. Earl Morrison, of Indianapolis, came Monday evening to spend the week with Mr. Ollie Albertson and family. Mrs. Dan Engle and Mrs. Will Hodson also spent a day with them....Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Adamson and son, James and Mrs. Mahala Adamson attended the funeral of Max Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adamson, of Lynn, Thursday morning....Mr. and Mrs. Claude De Armond and daughters spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morrison....Mrs. George Smith returned Thursday after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Beard....Mr. Paul Beard, who has been very ill, is slowly improving. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beard, and Mrs. Verlie Love spent Thursday with him....Mr. Harry Swan will have a sale at his farm on the county line, Monday, February 21, at 10:30....The Ladies' Aid of this place will furnish the lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Love will move to the farm after the sale....The sale of Sam Drake, Thursday was well attended and things sold reasonably good. The aid furnished the lunch....Mrs. Charles Ballenger, Misses Charlotte Cogshall and Dora McCallister were shopping in Richmond, Tuesday....Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Catey are spending a few days with relatives here. Mrs. Harry Turner and children visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Catey, Thursday....Miss Marie Hutchins was a night recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hutchins. She has returned to the M. E. Hospital at Indianapolis after nursing her cousin, who had typhoid fever at Stroh, Ind.

near Sugar Valley, has rented George Cooper's house....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hays entertained the members of the Farmers' club at their home Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. Shriver and niece, Leona, were guests also....The Grange degree team and junior team of here put on third and fourth degrees Thursday evening at a Grange north of Eaton. Rev. and Mrs. Shriver attended the fourth group quarterly conference at Eaton Thursday evening....Miss Hilda Ewing spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Myra Wright....Misses May Scott and Marguerite Brown spent Thursday evening here....Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bostick are visiting their son, Charles....The funeral of Miss Ella Larch of Liberty was held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon here....Charles Phillipott and Mrs. Frieda Kareth were in Eaton Thursday....The Ladies' Aid society will furnish the lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Love will move to the farm after the sale....The sale of Sam Drake, Thursday was well attended and things sold reasonably good. The aid furnished the lunch....Mrs. Charles Ballenger, Misses Charlotte Cogshall and Dora McCallister were shopping in Richmond, Tuesday....Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Catey are spending a few days with relatives here. Mrs. Harry Turner and children visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Catey, Thursday....Miss Marie Hutchins was a night recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hutchins. She has returned to the M. E. Hospital at Indianapolis after nursing her cousin, who had typhoid fever at Stroh, Ind.

There will be a box social at the school house here Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Everyone invited....Miss Kathryn Moulton is on the sick list.

WINCHESTER, Ind.—At the weekly meeting of the Rotary club Monday evening, R. I. E. Brenner gave an address on "Surgery."

The Magazine club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. G. Johnson. Hoover Banquet Held.

A Hoover banquet was held in the basement of the Main Street Church of Christ Friday evening. The proceeds were divided between the Near East Relief Fund and the Hoover Relief fund. Mrs. Fred Gray and Mrs. C. E. Milligan have charge of the two drives and were assisted by the Winchester Rotary club.

Mrs. Frank Moorman entertained relatives at dinner Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chapman of Cincinnati, Ohio, are the guests of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leroy Barnes has returned to her home in New York City after spending some weeks with relatives.

Mrs. John Turner and daughter Mil-

dred, have returned from a few days' visit in Indianapolis.

Mrs. R. J. Mariatt of Rushville is the guest of her daughters, Mrs. L. E. Brenner and Miss Mary Mariatt.

Miss Mary Mariatt has returned from a short visit with relatives at Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Anderson of Dowagiac, Mich., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fletcher have returned to Indianapolis, after a short visit with Mrs. I. N. Stout.

Professor Baker's Sunday school class of the First Presbyterian church entertained their families and the Sunday school orchestra in the church parlors Thursday evening. An elegant luncheon was served.

The Tre Kappa Sorority met at the home of Mrs. Ruby Botkin Monday evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. V. Taylor entertained the Friday Bridge club and guests. After the games a dainty lunch was served.

The Emanon club met Thursday evening with Mrs. John Bauer. Dainty

refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Woman's club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Thacher to continue the study of Mexico.

Miss Alice Moody of Indianapolis is the guest of relatives here.

WAGE CUT IS PROPOSED

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The New York Employing Printers' association announced today that it had requested various printing trade unions in the city to send representatives to a conference called for next Thursday to consider a "substantial reduction in wages in all branches of the trade."

DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 21.—Harry W. Short, 50 years old, died here Sunday, after an illness of ten weeks of sleeping sickness. He is survived by the widow and five children.

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