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Women in Soviet Russia

A sad picture of the life of women in Russia, particularly those of the intellectual class, is painted in a new book, "We, Soviet Women," written by Madame Tatiana Tchernavin, who with her husband and son escaped about three years ago from that unhappy land.

A net set of overlords has been set up in the name of the proletariat. The new masters are more harsh and more unreasonable than the old. Living conditions are more severe and costs of necessities are higher.

There is a ruthlessness which is almost a form of sadism in the way the Soviet mind operates in brutal treatment of those who disagree with its "ideology".

While there has been some improvement in conditions recently, with more foodstuffs for distribution among the people, still provisions are scarce, prices very high, and fabricated articles scarcely obtainable.

Editor Ruhl of Medford, now taking the sunshine cure in southern California, has written to the Mail-Tribune a report of an address by Mme. Tchernavin which he heard in Pasadena.

For people of education and ability there is no place in Soviet Russia. It's a topsy turvy land. Those best fitted by training, experience and character to do things are not allowed to do them.

"Politics"—Bolshevik politics—is in complete control, and unless one submits not only to a political dictatorship but an INTELLECTUAL dictatorship, there is no enduring existence.

Before adopting the philosophy of the collectivist state, a person ought to read "We, Soviet Women". That intensely human document, should make the inquirer more loyal to our own American system, even with its deficiencies and errors.

Let the Work Proceed

COMES now a Californian to offer to develop a well system for Salem, the cost of which would be far less than a pipeline installation from the Santiam.

The council and the commission have made their decision. They should stick to it. They put down test holes at points selected by an imported expert, with poor success.

Reiterating what this paper has said before: water is where you find it. It may be where these experts think, and it may not be.

On the basis of present information this paper doubts the practicability of wells. There exists no proven supply of underground water in or near Salem.

To accept the tender of the driller may cost the city less than to install a pipeline; but we have little confidence that the wells would supply continuously an adequate quantity of water.

The Salem taxpayers' league is conducting just a rear-guard action. It does not represent the general sentiment of the citizens of the community.

Legislators Wanted!

LANE COUNTY republicans have drafted Earl Hill of Cushman to run again for the state legislature. He was one of the few veterans in the last house; and as the new assembly will have many new faces it is important to have some experienced members there to get the house organized and functioning.

There has been a dearth of filings for legislative positions over the state, including Marion county. Paid starvation wages and then cussed roundly for what they do and do not do, legislators soon get fed up and drop out.

The situation is such that groups of public-spirited citizens in the various counties of the state should do like the Lane county group did: virtually draft men of ability and call them into public service as a duty of citizenship.

A Eugene Townsend schemer tried to "kick Jim Mott upstairs" to leave a hole he thought he might fill himself. Mott refused the temptation to run against Senator McNary, expressing his preference to remain in the house.

A man needs gymnastic training to be premier of Yugoslavia. The present premier, Milan Stojadinovich, escaped assassination only by dodging the bullets from the gun of a member of parliament.

The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT

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A Vengeful Spirit

SOON OR late the significance of these "coincidences" by which suits against citizens alleging conspiracy, fraud or failure to pay taxes invariably happen to be instituted against prominent opponents of the administration or those who have incurred its displeasure as a result of their conspicuous independence.

THEY SEEM altogether too many and too well timed to be free from intent. At any rate, they have succeeded in creating fear of the government which never existed in this country.

THE LATEST "coincidence" is the reported effort to collect gift taxes on some \$3,000,000 given away by Senator Couzens, of Michigan. Some time ago Senator Couzens was looked upon with considerable favor by the new dealers, but not now.

IT IS said that he so expressed himself in some very high quarters, indeed. Also, he publicly charged that Walter J. Cummings, treasurer of the democratic committee, was receiving salaries totaling \$50,000 a year from RFC borrowers.

WHETHER the suit against Mr. Couzens will be prosecuted is doubtful for reelection this year. But he happens also to be one of the most unscarable men in public life, as those who recall the famous Mellon-Couzens feud well know.

THE point is that, while this effort will not scare the unscarable Couzens, it helps spread fear and inculcate the belief that the tax takers of the government cannot be used as an instrument to punish.

THE FACT that the federal communications commission made it possible for Senator Black to use his "secret police" to seize telegrams of hundreds of private individuals for his Paul Pry purposes seems conclusive evidence that the administration is back of him.

Wetzel Denies Assault, Battery Charges Made Against Him by Wife

SILVERTON, March 10—Alois Wetzel pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery before Judge Alf O. Nelson at Silvertown Monday. Wetzel was released on a \$250 bond with the trial set for April 9.

Wills Going Home

SILVERTON, March 10—Tom Wills who has been at the Silvertown hospital for the past few days suffering from pneumonia was able to be removed to his home Monday.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Woman who had been 3-11-36 governor's wife Oregon: Ruth Rover, 34 Oregon book:

(Continuing from yesterday:) It is evident that Mrs. Bailey was a good sport, and concealed from her distinguished and other visitors all appearances of her marital troubles and disappointments.

Her book shows that they started east together, by water, around Cape Horn, in 1842. Part way on that 15,000-odd mile trip, Dr. Bailey stopped, intending to return home, and Mrs. Bailey went on her way alone.

As said before, he was not present to vote at the Champoux meeting of May 2, 1843. He could not be on both sides of the American continent the same day.

The Alfred Powers book tells of a writer on the Portland Oregonian in 1851, under the name of "Squills," reviewing the book of Mrs. Bailey, in a very uncompromising, ungentlemanly manner.

"Squills" said the work was a credit to the printers, but that he seldom read books of feminine publication, believing that the (the females) province is the darning stockings, pap and gruel, children, cook stoves, and the sundry little affairs that make life comparatively comfortable and makes them, what Providence designed "help-meets."

"Squills" said Ruth Rover was a "school marm," evidently a thing of contempt to him, and he wrote that her book showed she had had three lovers, concerning the last of whom (no doubt Mr. Bailey), she wrote:

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"Isn't It About Time You Fellows Began Building?"



"DAUGHTERS OF VENUS" By Robert Terry Shannon

Juliet Rankin's pulchritude wins her executive position in the beauty institute operated by wealthy Madame Hubert. At first, Thomas O'Hara, the handsome manager, is antagonistic towards Juliet, but he finally admits he is in love with her and has been trying to fight it.

But quickly returning to my duty daily, I was able to keep on my way. Feeling glad I was EVER permitted to see And rejoice in the beauties of May.

February, 1844. M. J. B. Mrs. Bailey without doubt was harking back in poetic muse to her school teaching days at the Jason Lee mission.

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