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FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1923.

As the business of the Advance increases, our wonder grows that we were ever able to get out a daily newspaper on the business we used to get.

Any dictatorship is bad and history seems to prove that no dictatorship can endure. But when one must choose between dictatorships Fascism as practiced in Italy seems infinitely preferable to Bolshevism. It certainly carries out its program with less waste of blood and treasure.

In the Midst of Life

It was 1 o'clock Thursday night. The news of the President's death, which occurred at 10:30 Eastern time, had just reached Elizabeth City, and the town apparently lay sleeping, with the exception of the dancers in the Robinson Hall, and the workers in The Advance shop.

Shocked and stunned by the death of the Chief Executive of the nation, who had only Thursday afternoon been pronounced out of danger by his physicians, the printers went about their task of getting the news into print to deliver to the people as soon as day should break. They worked quickly and quietly, sensing the seriousness and the sadness of the event which they were putting on to the printed page. They remembered with a feeling of kinship that the Chief Executive himself had begun his career in the print shop and had never ceased to carry his make-up rule until the summons had come to lay down all earthly tools.

Grating sharply on the midnight air, out of harmony with the tragic event, came the ever-repeated strains of the dance orchestra in popular and well-worn jazz tunes.

In the midst of life there is death.

A Brave Woman

In this day of a nation's sadness and bereavement, the hearts of the people of the whole country go out to Mrs. Warren G. Harding who, herself in frail health, had so steadfastly and faithfully remained by her husband's side through the long hours of his illness and had seen fear for his life given way to almost certain hope of his recovery, only to have this hope and confidence shattered when the President's life was snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye.

A brave woman from the time when she faced the world in a pioneer home in the Middle-West and then became the wife and co-laborer of a young newspaper man trying to put a little daily struggling under a burden of debt on its feet, to the day when as first lady of the land she assumed burdens beyond her strength in the White House, Mrs. Harding's high courage has not failed or faltered in the supreme ordeal through which she is now passing and in which, The Advance hopes, she will be sustained by the prayers of all whose hearts are kind and whose faith is secure.

TIMELY TOPICS

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PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Hollowell has returned after spending several weeks at Nags Head with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hollowell.

Misses Margaret Harris and Mary Owens left Friday for Asheville to spend their vacation.

Miss Laura Rodney has returned to her home at Laurel, Delaware, after spending some time visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Foreman on West Main street.

Guirkin Cook and Matthew Weeks spent Wednesday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Coboon have returned home after spending several days in Richmond.

Miss Narcissa Sawyer left Friday for Hendersonville where she will spend some time visiting friends.

Mrs. J. F. Adams and daughter Miss Gladys Louise Adams of First street spent Thursday at Virginia Beach.

W. S. White returned Tuesday from Richmond, where Mrs. White has been seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital, but is now improving and hopes to be able to leave the hospital in a few weeks.

J. L. Lamb, claim agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, has returned, after spending his vacation at Asheville and Raleigh.

Misses Alice and Edna Hewitt of Goldsboro are visiting their mother, Mrs. L. G. Hewitt of North Road street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bowden and child and Mrs. Mary S. Bowden of New Bern have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowden on West Main street.

Miss Lucille Benton, formerly with Stevens Jobbing Company, has accepted a position with the Carolina Banking & Trust Company.

Frank Benton, Jr., is spending several days at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Daniels and children, Royden and Robert, left Friday afternoon. Mrs. Daniels and children will visit Mrs. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Petre at Hagerstown, Md., and Mr. Daniels will go on a business trip to Baltimore.

Berlin Center for Political Refugees

Is Rapidly Displacing Switzerland Because of Its Tolerant Attitude

Berlin, Aug. 3.—Germany is rapidly displacing Switzerland as a center for all sorts of political agitators and refugees. They are attracted here by the falling mark and the tolerant attitude of the government. Switzerland rapidly is losing favor with radicals of all sorts. Persians, Turks, Indians, Egyptians, Arabs and Tunisians are so numerous in this city that they have united in the erection of a Mohammedan mosque in one of the best residential sections of West Berlin.

Mohammedanism gained considerable foothold in Germany during the war. Many Mohammedans who were fighting with the Russian forces were taken prisoners by the Germans, or voluntarily gave themselves into German hands, because they did not wish to fight against the Islamic brothers, the Turks. These Mohammedans were treated with great consideration by the Germans, who placed them in a camp at Wuenendorf, a Berlin suburb. A mosque was erected there for them, and they were given every opportunity to live in accordance with their religion. In fact, they were guests of Germany, rather than prisoners.

The missionary who is directing the construction of the new mosque belongs to an Indian Islamic movement which has over 500,000 adherents and is seeking to make the followers of Islam less fatalistic, without altering in any way the teachings of the Koran. These reformers are called Ahmadiyat, and seek to win their fellow-religionists away from the blind acceptance of the phrase "Whatever happens is the will of Allah." In other words, they would persuade Mohammedans throughout the world that they need not submit to Christian domination; that a holy war is capable of freeing Islam if the followers of the true faith will throw off the spirit of the east and act with greater independence.

PHONE SHORTAGE HITS YOKOHAMA

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SAYS REFORMERS A GREAT FAILURE

Prof. Darwin Thinks More Harm Is Done Than Good by Unnatural Methods of Racial Uplift.

London, Aug. 3.—Social reformers as a class do much more harm than good, according to Professor Leonard Darwin, and society would improve much faster if they ceased to worry about it and let it go its own way.

Professor Darwin is a son of the great Charles Darwin, and it is natural that he should hold strong views on the survival of the fittest and how this best can be accomplished. He says that the misguided efforts of many sincere and earnest social reformers really result in encouraging the continuance of race inferiority and deterioration, which is just the reverse of what they are trying to do. In a recent speech before the Eugenic Education Society, of which he is president, he dwelt upon the harm he thought social reformers were doing.

"Mate Selection" was the title of Professor Darwin's address. He was not sure that mate selection, in the present state of society, was good for the future of the race, and argued that when the fit married the fit they tended to have smaller families, while the inferior people continued producing unfit types which became more marked.

"To secure human progress," he said, "the inferior types must be eliminated, and all that should be demanded is that this process be made as little painful as possible." Pity for others and solicitude for their liberty the speaker regarded as among the things that constituted obstacles in the way of racial improvement.

"The philanthropists of today, however, Professor Darwin said, 'only look on one side of the question, and entirely ignore the racial effects of the reforms they are advocating.'

Both out-of-work doles to those constitutionally incapable of work, given without regard to the probability of parenthood in the future, would directly tend to promote the inferiority of the race in the future. Motherhood endowment to the naturally superior and unfit alike, these and other methods of relieving distresses, would have the same result, he contended.

Altogether, as viewed by Professor Darwin, there seemed to be a pretty blue outlook for the world generally, and even enlightened eugenicists appeared to be able to find little comfort in his views. But Professor Darwin said his objection to mate selection would disappear if "by some method less cruel than that of natural selection the inferior stocks could be made to multiply less quickly than the superior."

BRINGS BRIDE HOME  
Lev Charles Guirkin motored here from Chattanooga, arriving Friday, to visit his mother, Mrs. Mae Guirkin Willey, and bringing with him his bride, who before her marriage was Miss Voella Towe of Chattanooga. Mr. and Mrs. Guirkin will spend two weeks at Nags Head before returning home.

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Washington, 2; St. Louis, 1 (second game.)  
Boston, 5; Chicago, 9.  
New York, 4; Cleveland, 2.  
Philadelphia, 5; Detroit, 6.  
How They Stand.  
New York 66 31 .680  
Cleveland 54 46 .540  
St. Louis 51 46 .526  
Detroit 46 46 .500  
Chicago 47 49 .489  
Washington 43 52 .453  
Philadelphia 42 54 .437  
Boston 35 60 .368

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Yesterday's Scores.  
Pittsburgh, 2; New York, 3.  
Cincinnati, 2; Philadelphia, 0.  
Chicago, 5; Boston, 1.  
St. Louis-Brooklyn, rain.  
How They Stand.  
New York 64 35 .646  
Cincinnati 61 38 .616  
Pittsburgh 59 38 .608  
Chicago 52 47 .525  
St. Louis 51 50 .505  
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