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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Mr. Churchill's Victory

While there will be general satisfaction at the personal triumph achieved by Mr. Churchill in the British election, the slim majority by which his party has been returned is a matter of serious concern.

Government by a combination of individualist Conservatives and Liberals is difficult to achieve at any time, much more so than by a socialist regime.

Normalcy

Getting back to normal is regarded by many as simply a delusion. What, ask the cynics, is normal? Is it prosperity or depression, peace or war, favorable or unfavorable trade balances, high prices and wages or low, production for defence or artificial restriction of production?

It is clear that "normal", like other concepts, cannot be properly related to any particular period although for convenience we adopt an arbitrary period for establishing such scales as the cost of living index or zero on the Fahrenheit thermometer.

It is essentially the perfect balance of forces and although it can never be attained, it is the constant aim of society.

Education in Communism

How minds are perverted on an almost unimaginable mass production scale under Communism is revealed in a newly published book, "Brain-washing in Red China", by Edward Hunter, a review of which appears in the current issue of the New York Times Book Review.

For nine months Chi "studied" under the eye of party workers. Actually, it was Chi who was under study. Only when the Communists were convinced that he had washed away the last traces of his old thinking were they ready to "graduate" him—into a job as a party man in far northwest China.

The methods used at the university are fascinating—and terrifying. Students write endless essays on their lives, their thoughts, their morals and their outlook on the world struggle.

It is not sufficient, for example, to say that your father is a merchant or small industrialist. You must point out that such an occupation is iniquitous and that you

have broken off all ties with him. Faking is next to impossible. Other students, anxious to prove their revolutionary zeal, are quick to point out contradictions between today's statements or tomorrow's which you must revise or explain away.

That millions of young minds are today being perverted by such methods is a harrowing thought. Worst still is the prospect of world civilization being taken over by the fanatics produced under this system.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 23rd Sunday after Trinity.

The Government's decision to make November 9th a Provincial public holiday to see the Princess, will be generally commended.

It is estimated that one out of every six of the sweaters worn by college students in Canada and the United States was made in Scotland.

There are still some Mosleyites left in England. About 50 of them turned up at a political rally of Prime Minister Attlee, and broke up the meeting by their heckling and boozing.

Not only the King, but many of his subjects sat up late Thursday to learn the outcome of the British general election. Most of them were not disappointed, though many would have preferred a more decisive victory one way or the other.

Theodore Roosevelt, American president, was born this date 1858. At 23 he was a member of the New York State Legislature. As Secretary of the Navy, he did much to put the navy in a state of preparedness for the war with Spain and when it came he raised his famous regiment of Rough Riders.

The Montreal Gazette reports that work has just been completed in the fur workshops of Henry Morgan & Co. on a Royal Sapphire fox cape which this Province will present to Princess Elizabeth when she visits here shortly.

There is no reason why all our citizens cannot observe the Provincial public holiday to be proclaimed for November 9th. It is the practice for Federal as well as Provincial offices to be closed on such occasions; and in the case of banks, a 1934 enactment provides that in all matters relating to bills of exchange any day appointed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor for a public holiday is a legal holiday or non-judicial day.

About the first public engagement after Thursday's British election by a leading politician will be that of the Right Honourable Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P., who is to be guest of honour at a Canadian Chamber of Commerce luncheon on November 28 at the Dorchester Hotel, London.

The death of a master political strategist like Prime Minister King leaves little but admiration for his career in the hearts and minds of those who have crossed swords with him. Three men who were stiff political opponents of the late W. L. Mackenzie King when he was alive, are honorary patrons of the Mackenzie King Woodside Trust, which is trying to raise \$150,000 for the preservation of the former Prime Minister's boyhood home at Kitchener, Ont.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

JUDGMENT AGAINST EGYPT

Sir,—The 23rd chapter of Ezekiel has a very interesting Court case. Egypt is in Court charged with arrogantly laying claim to a river and with grave offences against the House of Israel.

I am, Sir, etc., SEARCHER.

Albany, P. E. I.

SUNDAY READING

Sir,—One of the Old Testament prophets speaks this way: "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended and we are not saved."

There has been a good deal of "mass evangelism" carried on in our Island this past summer. Early in spring Father Peyton made an appeal to people of all denominations as well as his own, to return to the habit of family prayer.

Now a request comes to us from the editor of the "Calvary Evangel" of New York for a "write-up" on this campaign and its results. This magazine is used by every denomination as a medium of religious experience.

Next, to round off this letter I would suggest that every one that scans these lines would open their New Testament at the second chapter of Acts and read it all through, begin again at the 37th verse reading more carefully and noting the different stages of awakening in the crown—first conviction, then enquiring of the way, then surrender, repentance or turning to face another way, receiving of the Gift and believing the promise to themselves and to the children.

I am, Sir, etc., ARCH. MacKENZIE, Kensington.

The Age-Old Story

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto Him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

The Poet's Corner

MUTABILITY

From low to high doth dissolution climb, And sink from high to low, along a scale Of awful notes, whose concord shall not fail; A musical but melancholy chime, Which they can hear who meddle not with crime, Nor avarice, nor over-anxious care.

—William Wordsworth.

Soca To Make His Presence Felt



Notes By The Way

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of Iran. In the Times, it is Mr. Mousadek. The Manchester Guardian supports Mr. Musaddiq. A closer approach to unanimity is achieved by the Daily Telegraph, the News Chronicle and the Daily Express, who write him down as Mossadeq, Mossadiq and Mossadeq. Adding to the confusion of the earnest student is the fact that on this continent he is spoken of as Iran's premier.

During demolition of the bombed library of Canterbury Cathedral, preparatory to rebuilding, there has been discovered a fine row of columns that once supported part of the vault beneath the great dormitory of the cathedral built by Archbishop Lanfranc about the year 1080.

Maybe one of the neglected items about business management is some instruction of store clerks in the matter of being well-adjusted and pleasant people. A successful store is where the customer likes to call again because the clerks are friendly and helpful.

Talking about heating plants—and it's not a bad idea at this time of the year—the natives of the Amazon basin have come up with something new. It's a real heating plant. If that sounds confusing, perhaps we should explain that the new number is a plant which gives off heat like a furnace.

It does seem rather futile that a grown man should allow himself to be drowned for the sake of a duck. Yet it's started already across Canada, and the duck hunting season has just begun. And it is the same old, sad, story of carelessness.

MANY TYPES

An earnest student of current affairs has written to the London Times to express perplexity. The British press, it appears, cannot make up its mind who is Premier.

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Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

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SWEDEN AND FINLAND

The Swedish language is very similar to the Danish; in fact it springs from the same root, but seems to have more punch, emphasis and punctuation. The ladies are very fond of tracing relations and keep a record of the family tree. In fact, one woman, quite in earnest, started, for my benefit, an old chief among the Vikings named Isaacson, who settled in Scotland, and changed his name to McIsaac, and whose descendants afterwards came to America.

On Sunday, it seems more important to pack up the children and go out to the country and fresh air for the sake of health, than to church. This is generally true in the other Scandinavian countries, as well. But since the war, some people are beginning to look a little beyond the material side of their church, their cooperatives and some of their other organizations.

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The Swedish people do not drink as much beer as their neighbors, the Danes, but they do drink more whiskey. They are heavy eaters, and food is served with very few frills. As in other parts of Scandinavia, you must finish your meal with a glass of snaps, the most innocent appearing, but the most potent of all meal-time beverages.

In Sweden, they have what is perhaps one of the best and most workable liquor laws on the Continent. There are no pubs or any public drinking places, but one can go into a first class restaurant or a hotel and order a bottle of beer or a drink with a meal. One cannot buy liquor of any kind without also ordering food.

This is quite different from the situation in Denmark. There you can buy all your heart desires at most anywhere, and where the advice to a stranger is, "If you want an appetite or to pass an evening, eat Smorrebrod and drink Danish Snaps until it dawns on you that either you have drunk too much of the stuff or that it is stronger than you thought."

However, in Sweden they drink a great amount of milk, too. The average consumption in Stockholm is one and one half pints of milk per person per day. Swedes are very particular about their dress, and you seldom see a person on the street whose suit and clothes do not appear to have just come from the press shop.

In Stockholm, especially on the open market places, you will see Lapps from the far north displaying and selling their wares. They have everything from miniature wooden animals of every form and shape to furlined moccasins and the finest of cutlery made from bones of animals and teeth of large fish.

Sweden is a prosperous country. In fact, the people, comparatively speaking, are rich. Instead of suffering from the last two world wars, they have actually profited from them. The result is a neutral position can be seen everywhere. Sweden, too, is self-sufficient, at least as close to it as any other country in the world.

She manufactures her own machinery, hardware, dishes, clothing and most of the necessities of life. She has the most plentiful supply and the cheapest source of electricity in the world. She has great reserves of timber and from this the people are manufacturing such things as plastic, tooth paste, glue, dyes, etc. However, she is short of coal, gas and oil products, but is rich enough in iron ore and wood pulp to be able to export sufficient quantities to pay for her imports of fuel and petrol.

I spent a week in Stockholm visiting with K.F.—the Consumers' Cooperative Central Organization—and with the Farmers' Union and the Federation of Farmers' Cooperatives. There was an opportunity to get out to see some of the factories, the colleges, the local officials and organizations in the surrounding districts.

Before going far out to the country in the direction of Norway, I went across to Finland. The ferry from Stockholm sailed out the harbor, in and around the dozens of rock islands, on an all-night voyage across the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia, south of the main Aland Islands to Torku in "The land of forests and pulp and eighty thousand lakes."

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ROOM DAYS IN SHIPPING

"In our harbour on Saturday there were 10 steamers and 2 dredges, together with 46 rigged vessels and about 46 schooners. With one exception the steamers all belong to the colony, and the same may be said of the dredges, one of which is owned by Hq. James Duncan and the other is the Dominion (Island) dredge. To the sailing fleet, Mount Street, West and North Rivers will probably add some 20 or more vessels."

—The Examiner, Nov. 19, 1877.

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