

## A DIPLOMAT'S VIEWS

Revolutionary Finland and Scandinavian Hopes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The kingdom of Sweden was the foremost power of the north until her increasing wars with the republic of Poland in the seventeenth century weakened her. Although these wars extended her territory over the present Russian Baltic provinces, they reduced her by the drain on her resources and population to a secondary power in the 20 years' war with the rising Muscovite state at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Sweden was obliged to cede to Russia the precious Baltic possession of Livonia, Estonia, and Ingria, Curonia, and a small part of Finland, the cession of which as a whole was made in 1809. This loss deprived Sweden of a possession which she had held since the middle of the twelfth century, and whose population she had Christianized, and again reformed the Lutheran faith since Gustavus Adolphus, the champion and hero of the Reformation. More important even than this loss was to Sweden, the gain was to Russia, for with this acquisition the latter heretofore territorial power gained its first access to the sea. The important ports of Riga, Reval, Libau, and Kronstadt were developed or nearly built, as well

as the capital of St. Petersburg, which was called forth from the swamps on the Neva as with a magic wand by the greatest statesman Russia has ever had, Peter the Great.

From the supremacy over the Baltic, which made her truly a naval power, Russia rebounded southward, and in great wars against Turkey, the Caucasians, decadent Poland, the Cosacks opened for herself the Black sea. With these conquests Russia doubled her naval power, though the European constellation did not yet permit her the conquest of Constantinople, her cherished aim which would make it the eastern basin of the Mediterranean a Russian lake. England successfully thwarted this cherished goal of Russia.

Meanwhile, in the expectation of some suspicious opportunity in this direction, she turned through the unbounded tundras of Siberia to the conquest of the Pacific. With tremendous skill and an unscrupulousness without parallel, she was just on the point of realizing this gigantic ambition when, in the far east, a new power rose to its heroic age, and, backed by Great Britain, is now fulfilling that mission which the latter power had fulfilled in the eastern Mediterranean.

It is but natural that Sweden, united with Norway since 1814, regards with great concern the great inner events that are happening in neighboring Finland, which was part and parcel of her for over six centuries and a half. It is

well known that for many years before the outbreak of the present war with Japan Russian agents were arousing disaffections between Sweden and Norway, and that the serious troubles between the two sister nations under one crown were, in a large measure, influenced from Russia, which undoubtedly was preparing some naval hold on southern Sweden to insure a safe outlet through the narrow Danish straits. There is no doubt, either, that Sweden had for a long time a strong hold on the affection of the Finnish people, and that this sentimental relation, with a strong political touch, was the main incentive of the attempted Russification of the grand duchy of Finland. It is true that this Russification would have come any way, sooner or later, as it is part of the Russian program of "one cast, one religion, one language."

Before Gen. Bobrikoff, the Russian of Finland, was killed the constant complaint of his Finnish organs was the grievance that Finnish refugees had a free hand throughout Scandinavia to agitate against Russia, and to prepare a defection from the Russian empire with avowed purpose of reunion with Sweden in the case of a favorable opportunity. This fact is, by the way, true also with regard to the German Baltic provinces and to Poland. The ringing protest and public proclamation of the great Norwegian author Bjornson against the Russian system of absolutism and oppression also served to promote a hostile feeling. When the Russian governmental press called upon the Swedish-Norwegian people to unite in a common front against the Russian system, it was in reality a call to arms. The Russian government does not realize that a government of two peoples as free and constitutional as the Swedes and Norwegians, who do not allow themselves to be mistreated, is powerless and that people like Bjornson and Deen have in their country the status of true prophets before whom even King Oscar himself bows very humbly. The free press of Sweden-Norway urges

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The dual government to a strong policy of national self-assertion, after the navy has been reorganized and strengthened, and the bitter feuds between the two parts of Scandinavia have been adjusted. The universal popular condemnation of the hated methods of Finnish denationalization and the contempt for the breach of constitutional guarantees given to Finland at the time of her incorporation in 1809, have actually been extended to a Scandinavian policy as a whole. While the dual kingdom, in spite of its glorious past and the excellence of its man as fighting material, in spite of its immense area, the largest in Europe next to Russia, has now a population of only about eight million souls, and is not in a position to measure itself with Russia, yet it would form a tremendous barrier against the latter power in the case of some other western complication.

Through the Finnish political sympathies, connections and affinities Scandinavia stands, as it were, with one foot on Russian territory. And the rather powerful Swedish-Norwegian navy, manned as it is with the descendants of the ancient Vikings, the hardest and bravest seafarers in history, control absolutely the passages from the Baltic to the North sea.

As for Denmark, the close connections of blood-relationship between the Danish and Russian dynasties make a rapprochement of the three Scandinavian powers or their union as it existed for centuries, impossible at the present time. But suggestions as they come now and then from Russian quarters as to the neutralization of the feeble kingdom, though of a sturdy race, prove that such a union is by no means considered as impossible in the future. To circumvent such a misfortune for Russia, which would effectively deprive her naval force from the outlet into the North sea, after reconstruction necessary to replace the losses sustained in the actual Japanese war, the great Russian international lawyer, Dr. F. de Martens, seriously proposed to the highest authorities in St. Petersburg "the guaranteeing to this little country an existence henceforth free from peril and from the risk of external catastrophe." It is tacitly implied that danger threatens from Germany, or, in the case of a Russian complication with England, from the latter power, which once before in history seized the Danish fleet in full peace, so as not to have it fall into French hands.

How precarious Russia feels her position to be in Finland with regard to the Scandinavian national movement has been made manifest in the recent trial for high treason of the Finnish senator and general, Schuman, father of the murderer of Bobrikoff, the late governor general of Finland. The Russian government publicly pro-

claimed as the result of the findings of the supreme court at Abo that a clear light had been shed upon the real intentions of the Finnish movement. A document found among the papers of General Schuman contains a project for the organization of secret rifle brigades for the purpose of the liberation of Finland. An armed rebellion was confessedly being prepared; every adult Finn was instructed to practise rifle shooting. In every village, in every industrial center, secret societies were being formed, and special military instructors appointed, selected from the old soldiers who have served in the disbanded Finnish regiments. The secret societies, to avoid suspicion, were united through the mediation of common representatives who carried on the consolidation with a chief conspirator in every prefecture of the grand duchy. At the head of the entire organization was a revolutionary government of five members headed by a presiding officer. The question of securing large quantities of Mauser rifles is discussed at length.

The change of the Russian supreme court of Finland against Senator Schuman is founded upon the fact that the project conceived by him was already in progress of execution, and had been further developed by a Dr. Lull, who had committed suicide in Berlin in 1903, when he learned that his plans had been seized by the police in Viborg. According to the arrangements revealed wandering teachers were to instruct men and women in the use of Mauser rifles. Young Schuman was proven to have been a member of such a revolutionary rifle society, and to have entertained treasonable correspondence with some conspirators at Stockholm for the purchase of repeating guns and a kind of uniform for the future revolutionary army. Other documents found with the others of the senator treated of the question of means and ways as well as of the opportu-

time for the rising. All these facts unearthed by the Russian supreme court at Abo and carried on so successfully under the hobnobbing regime have clearly shown the extent of the movement throughout Finland and Scandinavia, but they prove also to what loyal nation must have been driven by the Finnish people, high and low, in the desperate attempt at launching themselves against the crushing power of all the Russias.

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