

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

C. O. Unæus, colonel and chief of the famous Vestgotha-Dal regiment, is dead.

At the Stockholm crematory the corpses of fifty persons were reduced to ashes during the last year.

During 1893, 7,025 conscripts petitioned the government for permission to emigrate to America.

According to the latest statistics the population of the city of Gothenburg, "Sweden's Liverpool," is 106,695.

Many new and valuable paintings have been added to the fine collections in the national museum of Stockholm.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by E. Hallberg, a well-known citizen of Ofvansjö, and his wife.

The city of Malmö, which is the third in rank of Sweden's cities, has now a population of 50,587.

A rumor here says that Viggo Ullman, president of the Norwegian Storting, is to be arrested, accused of high treason.

Crown Princess Victoria will in a few days leave for Italy and Egypt, where she will try to regain her broken health.

Usually between 400 and 500 new houses are being built in Stockholm every year, but only twenty-nine new buildings were erected in 1893.

Dr. John Soderlind, one of the ablest and most popular scholars in Sweden died at Stockholm at the age of 90 years.

The government has decided to build a strong fort in northern Sweden, but the exact location has not yet been made known.

It is not probable, that the Riksdag will grant the appropriation asked for by the government for the purpose of increasing the Swedish navy.

Great preparations are being made for the international skating tournament which will take place at Stockholm in February. The first prize will be donated by King Oscar.

There are many lieutenant-generals and major-generals in the Swedish army, but, King Oscar excepted, there are only two generals. These are M. Bjornstjerna and the King of Denmark.

The Liljeholmen Works near Stockholm were completely burned to the ground. The fire was one of the biggest and most dangerous which for a long time has visited that part of the country.

Cashier Rheborg, of the Riksbanken, was arrested the other day accused of having stolen a large amount of money. The thefts had been going on for several years, without having been discovered.

The number of Catholics has considerably increased in Sweden during the last five years, but still does not amount to more than 1200. There is only one Catholic church in the country, that in Stockholm.

The Swedish gymnasts are probably the strongest all around athletes in the world. Gymnastics and all kinds of sport stand very high, but prize fighting

or glove contests are under no circumstances tolerated.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has received as a gift the very fine collections of iron goods, which were exhibited in the Swedish Building at the World's Fair by the large iron works of Soderfors, Osterby, Hornsdal and Ankarsrum.

Baron Oscar Dickson is the principal backer of the expedition which will soon depart from Stockholm for the purpose of finding out the fate of Björling and Kallstenius, the two arctic explorers, from whom nothing has been heard for several months.

L. O. Smith, "the whisky king of Sweden," has returned to Stockholm after a trip round the world. Mr. Smith traveled extensively in America last year, and spoke to a reporter on a Stockholm daily in the highest terms of the United States, its people and institutions.

The "Society For Promoting What Is Good" was founded some time ago by Miss Concordia Lovfeng of Stockholm, with the object of establishing an agricultural colony for educating poor children to useful members of society. It is intended to arrange it on a very large scale.

An exhibition of American furniture, models and tools bought at the World's Fair for money donated for the purpose by Mr. P. S. Peterson, the Swedish-American millionaire and owner of the Rosehill nursery at Chicago, has been opened in the Industrial Palace in Stockholm.

As a rule, the Swedish woman is temperate, though sad exceptions exist. Of the whole number of persons found guilty of drunkenness during the last nineteen years, 26 were women, and during the same time, of 2,208 alcoholic patients among the poor, 77 were women. Among 92 persons, who died in Stockholm of alcoholism during the last 27 years, 62 or 67 were women.

A Swedish-American has swindled many people in Trosa. He knew the name of persons who had relatives in America, and by telling the "old folks" that their sons and daughters, whom he had met in America, were doing very well, he succeeded in bleeding his victims for different sums of money, promising to pay it all back "as soon as he had opportunity to exchange his American greenbacks."

The handicrafts in Sweden, as in other countries, have had a hard struggle in competing with mass manufacture. The entire number of handicraft men and their artisans is at present about 60,000. One kind of occupation that has from days of yore been of great importance to Sweden, is her domestic industry, which has, however, been declining for some time, and only of late years has again been called into play, mostly thanks to the efforts of private associations, which have laid great stress on retaining and developing, as far as possible, national patterns. What has

doubtless been of great importance, for the revival of domestic industry, is the introduction of sloyd as a subject of instruction in the national schools, in which respect it is well known Sweden has been the pioneer of other nations.

As a consequence of the vast riches in woods possessed by Sweden, in comparison to the number of her inhabitants, no economy has been practised as regards home demands until the very latest decades. The amount of wood annually used for buildings, fences, fuel and carpentry is of course difficult to determine, but it may certainly be reckoned as by far exceeding the figures of the export. Nor must it be forgotten that for charcoal used in the production of iron, about five million cubic meters are annually employed. Notwithstanding the vast home demand on wood the forests give so largely, that timber, in wrought or unwrought form, ranks first among Swedish exports. In the fifties and sixties the liberal opinions which then were prevalent, both in home and foreign laws, gave rise to a number of industrial establishments for woodworks, among which saw-mills especially made rapid progress.

King Oscar has absolutely refused to pay the amount of 205,000 kronor which Baron von der Kettenburg of Germany tries to recover from the Swedish state, giving as cause that this money was furnished Sweden during the Thirty Year's War, by some of Kettenburg's forefathers. Baron Kettenburg holds the king himself responsible for the debt, because Charles XIV, Oscar's grandfather, in 1820 declared himself responsible for every state debt of Sweden up to that time, in exchange of which promise the state agreed to pay the head of the Bernadotte dynasty 200,000 kronor annually for all times coming. To the old Bernadotte's honor may be said that he fulfilled his promise, but the Kettenburg claim must at that time have been overlooked. According to Swedish law Kettenburg cannot sue the king in Sweden for the purpose of recovering the amount of money, but a sensational rumor is out, that the baron intends to attach real estate owned by King Oscar and situated somewhere in New York.

NORWAY.

* Banker August Andersen, of Christiania, died at the age of 80 years.

The state debt of Norway amounts to 124,625,000 kroner.

The catching of whales has been very successful during this season.

The prominent Christiania paper *Morgenbladet* celebrated its 75th anniversary.

The number of saving-banks in Norway has largely increased during the last five years.

Many deaths from consumption and influenza have occurred in Christiania during the last weeks.

An earthquake has scared the inhabitants of Nordby. The damage was small.

The average day's work in Norwegian industrial pursuits is ten hours and three quarters.

Norwegian snow shoes (skis) are being exported to Germany and Austria on a large scale.

Christian Ross, the Norwegian painter, has been elected an honorable citizen of the little Italian town of Sora.