

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

A railroad will be built between Orebro and Svarta.

More than 8 per cent of the inhabitants of the city of Falun are supported by the poorhouse.

The epidemic of small-pox is gaining ground in Gothenburg, the number of cases increasing every day.

The combined power represented by the Trollhättan water falls is estimated at 225,000 horse power.

Rev. Hamrin, of Nysäter, became suddenly insane and had to be taken to the asylum in Hernösand.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by Anders Olson, of Brevik, Vermland, and his wife.

It has now been decided that the Gotha artillery regiment will be stationed at Jonköping.

Crown Princess Victoria is lying dangerously ill in Rome. She has apparently not a very long time to live.

The Swedish bark Erato, from Solvesborg, Captain Kronberg, was wrecked off Hojan. The whole crew, with the exception of two men, was rescued.

The government has asked the riksdag to grant an appropriation of 750,000 kronor for the further development of the Swedish telephone system.

One paper wrote the other day, that "the Salvation Army is doing more good for the poor of Stockholm than all the state churches combined."

"Gustavus III" is the name of a tragedy in five acts, written by Mrs. Hedvig Harold, of Berlin. The drama will soon be given at the court theater in Altenburg.

Fishing for the pearl mussel, found in some Swedish rivers, is pursued in many of these, but to a small extent. It is, however, of greater importance nowadays than some years ago.

It is now known how much a dress used by a Swedish bishop is worth. The dress and regalia of the bishop of the Visby diocese were recently insured for 1400 kronor.

Harald Ericson, the well-known member of the Upper house of the Swedish riksdag, died suddenly. Ericson was born in 1826 and had participated in seventeen Swedish riksdags.

Farmer Sven Jonsson, a well-known citizen of Astingsmala, has mysteriously disappeared, and foul play is suspected. His wife and seven children are very anxious to know his whereabouts.

Prince and Princess Bernadotte attended the annual festival of the Y. M. C. A., in Upsala. In the evening the prince held a lecture in the Lutheran Mission House, which was crowded by people.

K. A. Björksell, a watchmaker of Sundsvall, has, after three years of hard studies, invented an instrument, which is a decided improvement of Edison's telephone. He has given the new invention the name of "mimiophone."

S. P. Stenlund's large building in

Vexio was destroyed by fire, and several persons had a narrow escape from perishing in the flames. The fire was one of the hottest which has occurred in Vexio for years, and several people were severely injured while fighting it.

Farmer Halfvor Jonsson, the oldest inhabitant of the parish of Storsjö, died at the age of 96 years. He leaves a wife, five children, twenty-seven grand children, and more than a score of great grand children, many of whom are living in the United States.

Some of the theaters in Stockholm are regular fire-traps, especially the Dramatic and Southern theaters, but there seems never to be enough money at hand to carry out proposed changes. The authorities are expected to take a hand in the matter.

A much employed means of transportation in Lapland with its few roads is the rowboat. The numerous rivers afford plenty of opportunities for the use of these crafts, and the sportman may try the exciting amusement of shooting a rapid. The boats used for this purpose are constructed with a special view to the same and with great skill, sheer descents of eight feet being passed without accident.

The great falls of Harspronget in Lapland are the finest in Europe in point of volume of water and height of plunge combined, and so far as Europe is concerned, hold the same rank as Niagara in North America, the Victoria falls in Africa, Guayara in South America and the great cataracts of the Khon in Asia. Rarely indeed is the great cataract visited, and yet to gaze on its glories for five minutes would repay a true lover of the wonders and forces of nature for all the time and trouble expended in a journey from England.

The greatest depths to which the mines of Sweden have been worked do not reach much beyond 300 meters (1000 feet) for iron mines and 400 meters (1300 feet) for mines of other kinds. Considering that as a rule there are no particular large quantities of either minerals or water to hoist, it is evident that the machines for this work need not in general be of any considerable power, and for that reason the raising arrangements have not a very great capacity. But while formerly the larger machines were at the most of 20 to 30 horse power, they now vary between 80 and 90.

Peat-litter is now made in large quantities in southern and central Sweden, there being about twenty manufactories making it for sale, besides many others simply for their own wants. The Swedish peat-litter in the market is the very best quality, and far superior to that of other countries, since it generally consists of pure sphagnum, or undeveloped peat moss without any mixture of other kinds of moss. Peat-litter is chiefly used to litter down the cattle in stables and cow-sheds and in the sanitation of towns and communities, being moreover valuable for preserving food, fruit, flowers, etc.

Salmon fishing is carried on to a large

extent in Sweden. Accurate figures are still wanting, but the value of the salmon fishery may be taken at present as amounting to at least 1,100,000 kronor annually. The season is from the beginning of May till the end of August, or, in some rivers, the first days of September. In northern rivers the fish first ascend the stream in the month of June, and, as a rule, July is the best fishing time in the Swedish rivers. From the month of September till the ensuing spring is the general close time for salmon; the fish spawn during October and November.

NORWAY.

A church for the dead will be built in Christiania.

At a fire at Utskat in Sannanger two people were roasted to death.

A biological society has been organized in Christiania.

Dr. J. R. Bull of Christiania, died at the age of 78 years.

Prince Eugene arrived at Christiania the other day.

Engbret Olsen, a pilot of Flatholmen, and his son were drowned off Tananger.

The price of fat herring ranges this season from 65 cents to \$1.15 per barrel.

The Church of Rome has probably not more than 500 adherents in Norway.

N. W. Koch, a well-known shipbroker of Brevik, died at the age of 73 years.

The consumption of wine and beer in Christiania was much less last year than during 1892.

The export of Norwegian herring to the United States was larger last year than during any previous year.

Løevland has been elected president of the society of left in the Norwegian Storting.

Bjornson's drama "Over Evne" was performed at the Bouffes-du-Nord in Paris, and made a success.

Gunnar Knudsen has been elected president of the social committee of the Norwegian Storting.

Lightning struck Ingebrigt Sande's residence on Sandsoen in Søndmøre, and killed a young daughter of Sande.

Mrs. Koren, wife of the well-known admiral, has bought the country mansion Alby on Joleon, near Moss.

The members of the Swedish cabinet arrived at Christiania the other day, and the Germans, English and Danish ministers are expected there also.

The Bureau of Justice which was organized in Christiania last April, has been of great benefit to the many poor people of that city.

A reception in honor of Miss Spangberg, the first Norwegian lady physician, was given by the students society of Christiania.

The crown prince and his young sons have undertaken several trips on snowshoes ("skis") in the vicinity of Christiania. They seemed to enjoy the sport very much.

The khediv of Egypt sent some time ago King Oscar a large number of Egyptian antiquities. Half the number of those antiquities was given to the Christiania university.

Hans Dahl, the famous Norwegian painter, has been elected a member of the prominent art society in Berlin.