

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

A large tourist hotel will be built at Dalen.

Ex-sheriff H. J. C. Aall died at Christiania at the age of 88 years.

Rev. E. Larson, of Torkan, the parish of Vallentuna, died at the age of 72 years.

The wholesale merchant Joh. Lunde, of Christiania, has been appointed Swiss consul in that city.

Mrs. Edla Ekelund, of Kolmarp, Vestergothland, celebrated her 102nd birthday.

The crown prince has left for Rome, where he intends to stay some time with his sick wife.

Dr. K. F. Thedenius, one of the ablest botanists of Sweden, died at Stockholm at the age of 79 years.

About 60 per cent of the teachers in the public schools of Sweden are women, and about 40 per cent are men.

The cost of the proposed railroad between Umea and Vaennas is estimated at 2,600,000 kronor.

Thirty thousand reindeer are said to have starved to death in the northern Sweden during the present winter.

Mrs. Davida Afzelius, a young Swedish songstress from Gothenburg, is meeting with great success in Germany.

Several large steamers ordered by the Russian government will be built at the mechanic workshops of Bergsund.

The country-mansion Saxebo in the parish of Graftnas was burned down. Jonas Jakobson and his wife perished in the flames.

Four giant guns, which will be manufactured at the Finspong works, have been ordered for the fort Oscar-Fredricksborg.

Prince Oscar Bernadotte does now attend gospel meetings every week, and some members of the upper ten, trying to imitate his royal highness, have suddenly become very religious.

Djurgarden, Stockholm's "Bois de Boulogne," is far superior in beauty to the latter. It is about Djurgarden that Carl Michael Bellman, the great national poet, has written so many songs.

Hon. W. W. Thomas, the ex-minister of the United States to Stockholm, intended at first to spend the summer in Sweden, but has now changed his mind and will with his wife return to America next month.

The price paid by Alfred Nobel for the Bofors works in Vermland was 3,000,000 kronor. It is Mr. Nobel's intention to found an establishment at Bofors, which will compete with the famous Krupp gun factory at Essen.

The province of Dalecarlia in Sweden is celebrated for its lovely scenery and for the independent spirit of its sturdy inhabitants. The Dalecarlians piously observe the customs bequeathed to them by their ancestors, and still retain the peasant costumes worn for ages in this province. The costume of each parish

is different, and all are gaily colored and highly becoming.

The constitution in regard to the composition to the two houses (chambers) of the Swedish Riksdag has been slightly changed. The Upper house will henceforth comprise 150 members instead of 108, while in the Lower house the number of members is increased from 228 to 230. Of these 150 will represent rural constituencies and eighty urban constituencies.

There are about 2000 owners of flour mills in Sweden. Most of them employ only a small number of workmen. Several large steam flour mills, however, have commenced operations during the last decades, e. g. two in Stockholm, one in Upsala, etc. On the whole, the flour-mill industry have made great progress since 1888, when a pretty high import duty was laid on foreign flour.

Fire-proof paint has of late years been manufactured in Sweden, and seems to obtain more and more favor with the public. As a general rule it contains certain ingredients which do not fuse readily and which hinder the access of the air to the heated mass, and thus delay the breaking out of the flames. In consequence of the great number of wooden buildings here, this paint will doubtless be extensively used in times to come.

NORWAY.

Congressman John Waalen, of Gausdal, is dead.

Railroad inspector Hermansen, of Skien, was killed by the cars.

J. L. Ebbestad, a prominent merchant of Svelvik, died at the age of 54 years.

A big snowslide, which crushed several houses, took place at Ejaerland.

"The Dramatic Company of Bergen" recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The death-rate in Trondhjem was very high last year, the number of deaths per thousand being 27.

The well-known wholesale merchant C. A. Jakkeln, of Bodo, has been forced to make an assignment.

A very large number of wolves has been killed in the northern part of the country during this winter.

The Norwegian state has bought the large picture "Spanish Blacksmiths", by Ernst Josephson, the Swedish painter.

At the big fire in Christiansand last year, 350 houses were burned to the ground. Many of the burnt houses have now been rebuilt.

A teacher at one of the public schools of Hardanger was fined 25 kroner and costs, because he had kissed one of the female pupils in the school.

D. Faye Hansen has made the proposition that the Storting refuse to grant all appropriations for the diplomatic service.

Second Lieutenant Wal and Second Lieutenant Juergens will both depart for the Congo state, where they have been offered good positions.

The Norwegian government has now decided to present to the United States the famous Viking ship sent to the Chicago Fair. Captain Anderson is going to Washington to make the official offer.

DENMARK.

Dr. Sigismund Jacobsen, one of the best known physicians in Copenhagen, is dead.

Much anxiety is felt in regard to the condition of the Crown Princess, as she is a woman very much loved by the people.

Salomon Meyer Trier, assessor pharmacist and a well-known citizen of Copenhagen, died at the age of ninety years.

Lieutenant N. R. Agerskov, an old veteran from the Danish-German war, died at Holstebro at the age of seventy-four years. Agerskov was a knight of the order of Dannebrog.

The Danish Crown Princess is very ill, and some physicians believe that she will not live to celebrate her and her husband's silver wedding next summer. The Crown Princess, as known, is a daughter of Charles XV, the former king of Sweden.

The *Næstved Tidende* is responsible for the following: A farmer of Fyen one day heard a hen screaming in his yard. He rushed out, found a fox chasing the hen, and hurled his wooden shoe at the fox, thus saving the hen. But lo and behold! In the night the hen laid an egg, in the big end of which may be seen the picture of a fox stooping over a hen. The same authority claims that the egg was to be exhibited at a poultry show at Kjøge.

OUR STOCKHOLM LETTER.

STOCKHOLM, March 5, 1894.—No tourist to Sweden ought to neglect to visit the mountain district. These mountain regions are situated in the western part of northern Sweden, or, as most of this country is commonly entitled Lapland. The characters which differentiate this country from the other mountain regions of Europe, are the numberless lakes and streams, the flora, and the inhabitants.

The alps of southern Europe are in general almost destitute of water during the summer months. Not so Lapland. Picturesque mountain lakes, rushing torrents, mighty waterfalls meet the eye on all sides and greatly contribute to diversify the scenery. Peculiar to the mountain flora of Lapland is the prominent place occupied by the birch. The birch region extends much higher than the pine forests; the light green foliage and white trunks give the landscape an unexpected idyllic charm. This beauty is still further heightened by the varied hues of the flowers springing up in rich luxuriance among the snowdrifts, to live their brief summer life in the beams lavished by a sun that does not set for several weeks.

Not least remarkable, however, is the singular population of the country, the nomad Lapps. With their great herds of reindeer, their bright colored dress, their strange language and appearance, and their tent-like dwellings, this people lend the Swedish mountain district an interest unique of its kind.

A visit to a Lapp encampment either in summer or winter is almost invariably rewarded with sights novel to European eyes. One may watch the milking of