abiding and loyal Finnish people will be deprived of all their old privileges by means of force. The misery that has spread over Russia is bound to prevail here also, for the only law is the will of the Czar, and the intrigues of a despotic, arbitrary and dishonest bureaucracy, that enriches itself at the expense of a suffering people.

TROUBLES OF A NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPER.

As the Boden Folkeblad, a journal published in Bodoe, Norway, was going to press the other day, it became known that nine of the printers were suffering from diphtheria. By order of the authorities the news was sent to the city hospital. Two other typographers were arrested and also taken to the hospital, only because they were suspected to be afflicted with the same disease. The health commissioners prohibited the distribution of the paper, demanded the burning of all copies, and ordered the disinfection of the whole newspaper building. All this trouble delayed the issue of the paper several days.

THE SWEDISH RIKSDAG.

The Swedish Riksdag was opened by King Oscar January 25 in the usual solemn manner. Sermon was held in the church of the royal castle. The King appointed Chancellor Chamberlain P. J. Von Ehrensmum, and Chamberlain Count Gustaf Sparre speakers of the upper house (Senate) while Editor Carl Hershow and Farmer A. P. Danielsson will preside in the lower house (Congress.) Two bills substituting heavy appropriations for the defenses will be introduced by the government, it is expected. The same bills were laid before the Riksdag of last year but met with strong opposition.

A FEARLESS EDITOR.

Kornegaard, the editor of the Copenhagen *Afenbladet*, has been taxed several times during the last year. The *Afenbladet* is one of the most independent journals in Denmark, the editor being an able and fearless newspaper man. Some time ago he was sued for damages by the secretary of war and several high officers, who regarded an article published in the *Afenbladet* as libeling their character. Mr. Kornegaard did not lose the suit, but entered into a compromise, by which he has agreed to pay 1500 kroner to a relief society organized by officers in the army.

COURT NEWS.

King Oscar is now perfectly restored in health, and left Stockholm Feb. 10 for Christiania. The Queen accompanied him.

The Duchess of Dalecarlia is suffering from influenza, and will probably not recover.

Prince Oscar Bernadotte, who has the reputation of being in favor of prohibition, has been elected president of a temperance society in Carlscrona.

The Crown Princess is at present staying on the sephantine island not far from Assua, Egypt. Her health has been much improved.

Prince Eugen, the young artist, has just finished two aquarelle, which if not exactly masterpieces, are the best paintings yet done by him.

WAGES OF WORKINGMEN IN CHRISTIANIA.

The workmen of Christiania have no real cause to complain on account of the past year. There was plenty of work in 1891, and they received higher wages generally than during the previous year. Especially the work on the many street and sewer improvements, ordered by the city was better paid for than ever before, and the low state of the funds in the city treasury did not seem to cause any great deal of inconvenience. Industrial laborers received from 3 to 4 kroner (one crown—27 cents) a day, bosses and roadmasters 5, and common laborers 2-2.50. Half-grown boys were paid 1.80, and women 1.40 a day.

HYPNOTISM INSTEAD OF CHLOROFORM.

An eight-year-old girl, daughter of a poor farm hand of Lyby, Skane, had been suffering a long time from a peculiar swelling on the right arm. The swelling increased every day, and at last an operation was decided upon. It was performed by Dr. C. Akerman, the provincial physician, and was a success in every respect. Chloroform was not used, the little girl being made unconscious by means of hypnotism. As soon as the girl had been laid on the dissecting table, the physician hypnotized her, the result being that she fell asleep in a few moments. When she awhile the swelling had been cut away, and the wound dressed, she was asleep without having had even the slightest idea of what had taken place.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. Segerdahl, a land owner of Soderlage, died at the age of 80 years. His 79 year old wife had expired twelve hours before.

During the last week of January there were 729 new cases of influenza reported in Christiania. The mortality from the disease, however, is small.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by the missionary, A. Engsell, of Fellingsbro, and his wife.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in northern Trondhjem.

A new public high school is to be built in Helsingborg.

Rev. Salvesen, of Lansvik, died at the age of 73 years.

Emilie Flygare-Carlen, the celebrated Swedish authoress, is lying at the point of death.

Hogston has been re-elected Speaker of the Danish Folsthing.

E. Essen, of Hagge, Sodermanland, died on his birthday, January 9, 99 years old.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by Simon Sorensen, of Kvinderl, Tesnaar, and his wife.

The number of divorces granted in Stockholm in 1891, was 115.

The population of the Gotland island is 51,892.

General von Kauffmann, Danish secretary of war in 1859-61, died at Frederiksborg at the age of seventy years.

Thousands of whales have been seen not far from Lister, Norway, and on account of this a large catch of herring is probable.

Landowner Hedrikson, the candidate of the Left, has been elected a member of the Danish Folsthing vice Chr. Berg, deceased.

La grippe is holding Stockholm goodbye.

Commander Hanna Duchtelberg, the chief commander of the Salvation Army in Sweden, is to leave for North America by order of General Booth.

WINTERS GROWING MILDER.

"The winters in America have changed wonderfully since I was a boy," said Edward O'Neill, the Dearborn man, "and white Pittsburgers complain with greater cause of the changeable weather now-adays than ever before, they get in the winter months, they are not about in the enjoyment of the decent sleigh of a dozen years, stiffy climate. When I was a boy and lived on the banks of the Hudson, in New York state, the river used to freeze solid by Thanksgiving, and from then till late in March we had all the sleighing we wanted, the snow accumulated till nothing on wheels was to be thought of as a vehicle for months together. I remember going to school in weather that was simply arctic, with the thermometer at 30 deg. below zero.

"The winters with long periods of very cold weather from now, there are pool ponds, and they still have good sleighing and skating, but the kind of winter I remember at the school time of my school days in the Hudson river valley, by means so many Pittsburgers enjoyed such winters twenty years ago, is, the theory that the destruction of forests and the clearing and cultivating of the land has had this effect upon the climate may explain the mild, moderate winters in some sections, but it will hardly hold good in regard to the Hudson valley, which is still dominated by the forest clad sides of the Catskills."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Latest Fad in Beards.

The pointed beard, which has for so long a time held popular favor is no longer the thing of fashion that it was. "The pointed beard," says M. Henri Pouget, an authority, "has certain advantages over all others, and that is the reason why it has so long been popular. It is a style of beard that was introduced by King Henry III, of France. It requires less trimming and care than any other, and therefore in this busy country it has been widely adopted. But it must go.

"The new beard resembles the one now about to be discarded in some respects. It is like a pointed beard with the point cut off. It is very thin and closely cut on the cheeks. It is a peculiar fact that the adoption of this style after discarding the other it has a repetition of history. After Henry III had made the pointed beard so fashionable the Duc de Guise introduced the present beard. The Duc de Guise, as you will remember, was the instigator of the Huguenot massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day. He lived in the fifteenth century and was assassinated in his forty-third year."—National Barber.

Fibrilia.

It is reported that the proposed use of fibrilia—as it is termed—made from common flax straw—as a substitute, or for adulteration, is receiving serious consideration. By the process of production the material reflected to is reduced to a short staple, very closely resembling cotton or wool, and, it is claimed, well adapted for use with either in the manufacture of yarn by the machinery now in use, and when so used is said to add materially to the value of the product.

It is the opinion of experts who have investigated the matter that woolen and cotton manufacturers are among those to be especially advantaged by the article, if being adapted readily to their uses. The fibrous manufacturers are confined to two processes, differing entirely in that one uses short staples, or cotton and wool, while the other utilizes long staples, like flax, hemp, silk and jute. Fibrilia, in a word, is flax converted from a long staple to a short one, adapted for use on the present cotton and wool machinery.—Providence Journal.

Fires in English Manhous.

The importance of providing private appliances for the extinction of fires in mansions is gradually becoming recognized by country gentlemen. For although the nearest towns may be equipped with powerful engines, the time occupied in sending for them and in their running in usually so considerable as to render their aid almost useless. Lord Binney has recently been anxious for the safety of his house at Battle, near Hastings, and after seeking advice from an experienced engineer to his had a reservoir constructed under his lawn holding over 60,000 gallons of water, and a powerful steam fire engine will draw water and throw it in enormous volumes over the mansion. A private fire brigade is also in course of formation, composed of the gardeners and other workmen on the estate.—London Tit-Bits.

White Poplars as Lightning Rods.

M. Ovsenff, a Moscow scientist, has discovered that when lightning strikes in a forest the white poplar (populus alba) is the tree to attract it. He came to the conclusion that the tree can be used as a natural lightning rod, and he submitted a memorial to the ministers of the interior advocating that the planting of a white poplar before every house in a village be made obligatory upon the peasants to prevent fire by lightning.—New York Sun.

The many cases of spontaneous combustion in cotton mills have caused a manufacturer in Hamburg to offer prizes of 1500, 1000 and 1,000 marks for the best three chemical or mechanical devices for the prevention of such danger.

A Frenchman has invented an improved method of telegraphing, so that it is practicable to transmit 150 words per minute on a single wire. The message when delivered from the machine is type written.

The western part of San Antonio (Texas), Tex., is being scanned by a huge Mexican bull, the first seen there for five years. It killed and devoured one steer and three horses in one week.

In the city of New York during the year 1891 the unknown dead numbered the many in number, 204 males and 69 females 31. Of the total 42 were identified outside results.

A Russian Prince's Wife.

In Russia it is a common topic of expression to say "as happy as a prince's wife." The Russian idea is to consider a prince's wife as the highest position in society. Prince Galitzin's present bride is about 17, she has no dowry, and her property is taken away from her and distributed among her sisters, and half to the government. The Greatest contingency makes the Russian point capable to get a wealthy wife if he can, and make her take a considerable good care of her after he has secured her.—Wonderland.

THE SPREAD OF INFLUENZA.

The continual influenza is spreading fast, with its customary concomitant of a highly increased mortality from seasonably affections. In the metropolis for one week, thirteen deaths were attributed primarily to influenza, the total death rate being 19.9 per 1,000, or slightly less than the preceding week. It may be noted that the death rate at Plymouth for the week ending Nov. 28 was 35.2, or precisely double what it was three weeks previously. There has also been a rise in the death rate of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Sunderland. Influenza has shown to be very prevalent in Scotland, it has appeared in a severe form at Scilly, and of the isles of Orkney. In Glasgow it is said that it has never been so widespread and severe as at present, and from and almost the same is true of Edinburgh. In both places the numbers of the professions have been severely smitten.

Around the accounts are of the report. At Berlin it has been prevailing during the past month. It has been very severe at Hamburg and Dusseldorf, and is also spreading rapidly in the Rhine provinces and Westphalia. It has appeared quite in Paris, where Professor Brouardel has stated that it was responsible for the deaths during the past week. In the Australian and New Zealand correspondence also speaks of its prevalence.—London Lancet.

Butterfly Record.

Five days ago pretty Edith M. Hall, of Mayfield, Cuyahoga county, came to Sunnyside. At a social party she met Edward J. Fenner, a prepossessing young man of twenty-one. The liking was mutual. Miss Hall said she had never seen a butterfly, and Mr. Fenner, the gallantry of an aged lover, who was distracted to her, through favored by her presence because of his financial affairs.

"I'll help you out of your difficulty," said the gallant young man.

"How?" she asked.

"I'll marry you myself, if you say the word."

Her flushed style, asked for a minute in which to reflect, gave him permission to obtain a license and became Mrs. Fenner.

The earliest suitor arrived, soon after the ceremony was performed. He went straight to the county clerk's office, and when informed of what had happened said, with some show of chagrin, "That settles it," and walked out.

Congratulations were invisible. He is a clerk in a dry goods store on a small salary.—Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

Death in a Big City.

The shadows of metropolitan life could scarcely have a more ghastly illustration than in the case of the corpse of the old man at a downtown street window staring into the windows of the elevated cars for two days, the butt of the Tribune's Christmas tree humor. A mile away before was the shifting and scuffling of another man on the elevated almost immediately opposite a window where sat his wife and child looking intently out and wondering why it was they carried away under the protecting blanket.

We are want to look upon the extraordinary situations created for the novelist and playwright with cultured severity, not the part of Sun, Dunne, Dickens and of a loss of imitators never conjured up from imaginations vivid with research and practical observation a more pathetically impressive picture than is presented in the dead man at the Greenwich street window. Yet such things are so common in New York that they are swallowed up in the great maelstrom of metropolitan events—forgotten in a day.—New York Herald.

Dividends in Philadelphia.

The January payments of interest and dividends in this city are the heaviest of the year. Upon Jan. 1 interest returns on a large portion of the municipal debt, and the government pays the quarterly interest on the 4 per cents, about $1,300,000, and also $1,400,000 semi-annual interest on the Pacific railroad bonds known as the currency aids." The semi-annual interest on the debt of the city, due Jan. 1, is now being paid. The city interest due is $1,215,000, of which $200,112 goes into the city sinking fund. The principal of the city debt upon which interest is deferred is $32,011,300. It is estimated that all the money paid in Philadelphia for January interest and dividends exceeds $20,000,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Turtle's Long Fast.

In June last a tree on the farm of Mortimer Hopkins, in Hopkinton, Ind., was blown down and pressed into the earth a large snapping turtle. Some days ago the tree which toppled and the turtle was released and the animal crawled off, apparently unhurt. During all that time it had existed without food or water.—Yankee Blade.

Against Wife Cruelty.

The attempt to make a cross-eyed nearly two inches is a laborious story. There is nothing so unlike looking as the importance of the hand of the violin maker, unless it is a complete resemblance, it would work almost to the ruin of the three collar—Chicago and Philadelphia.

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A Chemical Cousin.

In Berlin there appears to be little ceremony for the dead. The old cemetery, churchyard of 1831, which afterward became a cemetery for the poor, has long been neglected, being there have been thousands buried during the last two years. The place is not to be changed. In the lower part of the churchyard, where a new church is to be built, the graves have been opened and the skeletons and remains of coffins taken out to be buried in a general grave higher up, where it is intended to make a public garden.

On the upper part of the churchyard two schools are being built. Other portions of the churchyard will be sold for building purposes. Bungle it does not cost a very healthy site for human shelter.—London News.

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