

# THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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## SWEDEN.

Mrs. Amanda Roentgen, a celebrated Swedish violinist, died at Amsterdam at the age of 41 years.

Lars Nilsson, a teacher at the high college of Carlshamn, committed suicide by throwing himself out of a window.

Major J. H. Hjaerne, of the Swedish army, died at Solleftea at the age of 90 years.

A new large war ship of the first class will be built and is to be completed within the course of two years.

"Flirtation" is the name of a new comedy by Harald Holander, which scored a success at the Djurgerds theater.

N. Akerlund, a member of the Swedish Riksdag, was cured from rheumatism when lightning struck his house the other day.

The foreign diplomatists living in Stockholm made a trip to the castle of Gripsholm, where they spent a day sightseeing.

Many hundreds of Swedish hatchets were exported to Australia the other day. Exports of all countries have acknowledged that the Swedish hatchets are the best in the world.

A large number of tourists consisting of Russians, Italians, Englishmen and Hungarians arrived the other day at Gothenburg on their way to North Cape.

Sigrid Arnoldson, the celebrated songstress, made a success pyramidal when she sang in Massenet's opera "Werther" at the Convent Garden theater in London.

Prof. O. T. Sandahl of the Carolinska Institute of Stockholm, died at the age of 65 years. He had the reputation of being one of the ablest physicians in the North.

Anders Zorn, the celebrated artist, who was Sweden's art commissioner at the World's Fair, and afterwards painted the portraits of Mrs. Potter Palmer and Mrs. Cleveland, has returned from America to Sweden. He will spend the summer in Dalecarlia.

One of the most peculiar lakes in Europe is Lake Wettern in Sweden. Her water is clear as crystal and in many deep places the bottom of the lake can be distinctly seen. The lake may resemble a mirror, although a storm may be sweeping over its surface. On the other hand no wind blowing; and there may be what is called a "heavy sea." Wettern lies 89 meters above the level of the Baltic.

In most of the provinces of Sweden there are wide tracts that are cultivable the combined extent of which is considered as fully as large as the land at present cultivated. As a matter of fact, during the present century, much land has been reclaimed, and as a proof of this it may be added that the extent of arable land has increased from 1 1/2 million acres to about 8 million, or more than quadrupled, during the past 85 years.

## NORWAY.

New landslides are reported from Vardalen.

Temperance meetings have been held all over Norway during the last weeks.

The Storting will probably not be dissolved before August.

Nearly all army appropriations asked for have been granted by the Storting.

O. Borman, an old well-known citizen of Amsoe, died at the age of 99 years.

The Storting has refused to grant 50,000 kroner to the proposed work on Norway.

A large number of tourists, among them many Americans, spent the midsummer night at North Cape.

A congress of stenographers from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will be held at Christiania August 13-15.

The value of the import of Norway in 1893 was 204,900,000 kroner, and the value of the export is estimated at 136,100,000 kroner.

A "Scandinavian" named Hushby, whom some papers claim as a Swede and others as a Dane or Norwegian, came recently back from America to Christiania. There he cheated several merchants and other people, whereupon he made himself invisible.

## DENMARK.

A cotton factory will be built on the Fyen island.

An electric railway will probably be built between Copenhagen and Helsingør.

Mr. John E. Risley, the American minister to Copenhagen, is at present making a trip through Sweden.

The manufacture of glass in Denmark has decreased considerably during 1893 and 1894.

Fritz Brahe, a journalist for a long time connected with the Ritzan Telegraph bureau of Copenhagen, is dead.

An agricultural exposition was opened at Randers, and was inspected by King Christian and Princes Valdemar and Carl.

The celebration of the silver wedding of the Danish crown prince and crown princess will embrace three days, the 27th, 28th and 29th days of July.

The Supreme Court of Denmark has decided not to interfere in regard to the death sentence of Wilhelmine Miller, the young woman, who murdered a fourteen year old boy, and was afterwards in such a mysterious way transformed into a man.

King Oscar may attend the celebration of the royal silver wedding in Copenhagen, but, if not, will be represented by his son, Crown Prince Gustaf.

It is possible that a direct steamship line between Copenhagen and Philadelphia will be created. Wharton Barker, the American banker, has visited Denmark and seems to be much taken with the plan. He will return to America and work for its success.

## SCANDINAVIAN CELEBRATION.

Undoubtedly the largest gathering of Scandinavians ever assembled in Ogden met in the shade of Farr's grove, on the Ogden river, on the 24th, the object being to commemorate in fitting style the entrance of the pioneers into Salt Lake Valley. There must have been between five and six hundred persons present.

The celebration began by the large assembly singing America. On the platform were the speakers of the morning, Mr. Peter Anderson acting as chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr. Thorgeson of the Third ward, which was followed by a lively speech of welcome by Mr. E. H. Anderson, who dwelt upon the significance of the day and the loyalty and patriotism of the northern races to the American institutions which would be given even greater play in the new state of Utah.

Then followed stirring speeches by Mr. B. L. Peterson, on Denmark; by P. Anderson on Norway; and by August Carlson on Sweden, in each of which were glowing descriptions of the natural beauties of the land, and the virtues and accomplishments of the people represented. The meadows and keech-groves of Denmark; the pine-decked mountains and fish-rich fjords of Norway, the seas, rivers, dales and birch-decked hills of Sweden, each received its share of really beautiful description, to which were added references to great men in literature, art and science, such as Thorvaldsen and Hans Christian Andersen of Denmark; Bjornsen and Ibsen of Norway; Erickson, Linne, Tegner, Bellman of Sweden. America, the adopted home of the celebrators, came in for its share of praise, and three rousing cheers were given for the freedom vouchsafed under the folds of Old Glory.

Mr. C. J. Renstrom sang an original Swedish song, home-made, music and all, as he said, which was loudly applauded.

The applause for the speakers died away and the company dispersed for refreshments, in which entertainment two hours speedily died away. Coffee, such as only the Scandinavian housewife can provide, filled the air with fragrance; the river was lined with youthful fishers enticing the festive minnow, and the spacious grove resounded with laughter and merry-making.

At 3 o'clock another program was in order. The Lynn brass band struck up a lively tune, followed by a Swedish comic recitation. H. Anderson and H. Griffin sang a song, followed by an original song by C. J. Renstrom. Then came the orator of the day, Mr. C. E. Petersen, in a masterly oration setting forth the history and trials of the Pioneers. The speaker beautifully described the northern countries, paying a glowing tribute to their people, many of whom would yet take a noble place in the religious and political world of their adopted America.

The veteran Pioneer, Judge Aaron F. Farr, and Hon. Lorin Farr followed in five-minute speeches, and some excellent remarks were made by that balance wheel of the Scandinavians in Weber county, President N. C. Flygare. Music and song followed, then lunch; coffee, games and several amusements.

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