

## THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

Prepared from Special Cablegrams.

### SWEDEN.

Small-pox is raging epidemically in Karlskrona.

The Swedish system of gymnastics is being introduced in Spain.

Crown Princess Victoria arrived at Stockholm, much improved in health.

Rev. Lars Nyberg, of Eriksberg, died at the age of 93 years.

Thirty-eight female tramps were arrested the other day in Stockholm.

Ten wolves were caught by Jon Persson, of Hotagen, a few weeks ago.

August Strindberg's play "Creditors" will be performed by the Oeuvre society in Paris.

Judge J. A. Boven, a prominent lawyer of Hedemora, died at the age of 71 years.

Rev. Otto Holm, of Enköping, died at the age of 84 years. He was an able preacher.

King Oscar arrived at Helsingborg from Germany, where he has spent several weeks.

*Falu Kuriren* is the name of a new paper in Falun. W. Skarstedt is editor of the publication.

P. Hoegling, one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Kalmar, died at the age of 81 years.

The city of Lulea and Gellivare in northern Sweden will be connected by telephone and telegraph.

Edward Westman, the Swedish painter, has been elected honorary member of the Institute du Midi in France.

An explosion took place in the Sala mine the other day. Two laborers were killed right away, and many injured.

The music corps of the Crown Prince Hussar Regiment is at present giving concerts in the larger cities in Germany, and meets with great success.

Mr. P. S. Peterson, the Swedish-American millionaire and the owner of the Rosehill nursery near Chicago, is at present traveling in his native country.

A young man named Lindstrom, killed Miss Hilda Ahlstrom, his betrothed, at the Flustret restaurant in Upsala, and tried afterwards to commit suicide, but did not succeed.

Dr. J. Andersson, the bishop of the Vexio diocese, died at the age of 73 years. Besides being an able clergyman, Bishop Andersson made himself distinguished as a poet of high rank.

A grand bicycle exposition will be opened at Stockholm. The bicycles made in Sweden are said to be stronger, although not as elegant as those manufactured in England and America. The weight is about the same.

Among Swedish authors of story books are some names of high repute, such as Fredrika Bremers and Thekla Knoes. Of their followers may be mentioned as he most talented, Emily Nonnen, and in our days Miss J. von Hofsten and Miss Topelius, daughter of the famous Finnish poet.

Miss Ellen Fries, as yet the only

female doctor of philosophy, has made very valuable contributions to Swedish historiography. Her series of biographies "Eminent Women" is popularly written; with regard to the Swedish women it proves also to be the product of independent historical researches.

The Swedish women have taken great interest in the movement for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Special meetings are being arranged, not only for school children and their teachers, but also for those who have more immediate charge of animals, as coachmen and cabmen, in order to awaken their love for animals, and their interest in the good treatment of them.

### NORWAY.

Emperor William is expected to Norway during the month of July.

A bicycle tournament will be held at Christiania.

Rev. E. Polman, of Trondhjem, died at the age of 47 years.

Several hundred American tourists are at present traveling through Norway.

Rev. Mads Iver Wefring, of Trondhjem, died at the age of 75 years.

The Norwegian steamer Lesseps was wrecked off Lulea on the Swedish coast.

A landslide of large proportions occurred at Levanger. No loss of lives is reported.

A new expedition to the North Pole has been arranged by M. Ekroll, the arctic explorer.

The frequency of suicide in Norway shows the greatest increase in old age, or after the fiftieth year.

Five well-known members of the Storting Ullman are being greatly taken to task by the conservative papers.

As mentioned before, a large work on Norway will soon be published. The government will probably grant 50,000 kroner for the purpose.

The government will probably ask the Storting to grant an appropriation of 800,000 kroner for the building of forts in the northern Norway.

The National Church of Norway is Lutheran. The people, however, are entitled to much freedom in regard to religious observances.

The aldermen of Bergen have granted an appropriation of 1,773,000 kroner for the building of a railroad between Vossevangen and Taugevand.

Foreman Thoresen, of the Rockesholm woodpulp factory in Sweden, and his wife were both drowned the other day, while in a boat fishing. Thoresen was a Norwegian.

### DENMARK.

A new sugar refinery will be built at Roede.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in Copenhagen.

Several Danish counterfeiters have been arrested in Denmark.

An industrial exposition was opened at Helsingor the other day.

The Finnish bark Ansio, from Abo, was wrecked off Sodre Rose.

Very few Danish emigrants are at present leaving for America.

The crown prince and crown princess will receive presents from all parts of the country at their silver wedding.

The annual value of the consumption of coffee, tea and cocoa in Denmark is about five million dollars.

A collision between the Danish steamer Castor and the Portuguese steamer Lissabon took place in the sound. The Danish ship was totally wrecked.

Several Danish actors have been expelled from Schleswig-Holsten, Germany, and the Danish newspapers take on that account the German authorities greatly to task.

"Denmark," says the *Politiken*, "is impossible, even ridiculous as a war-faring power. Only by building a wall of peace and good will all around us may we expect to secure a future to our Lilliputian country. It is a matter of gratification to us that this doctrine, which at first found no favor with the bellicose conservatives, gradually has made such headway that our conservative ministers of foreign affairs as well as the conservative press proclaim it in the most powerful language."

### ICELANDIC HISTORY.

Seek ye wisdom out of all good books.—Joseph Smith.

Thorstein Red, the Oistin Mac. Amblab of the Irish annals, was the son of Audur Djupaudga, and Olaf White, the king of Ireland. After the death of king Olaf Audur went to Scotland, her son Thorstein afterwards becoming a king over the northern part of that country, presumably the counties of Ross, Moray and Caithness. King Thorstein and his queen, Thurid, were killed by the Scotch in 876 A. D., at which time his mother Audur was in Caithness. One of King Thorstein's men, a Scotchman by the name of Vifil, rescued his master's children and fled with them to their grandmother, Queen Audur. Queen Audur had a vessel built in the woods, and in the spring of 877 manned the same with twenty trusty followers of whom Vifil was the chief.

After passing the intervening years in the Orkneys and the Farro Islands she arrived in Iceland in the summer of 880, where she located a large tract of land, which she later on apportioned among her men with the exception of Vifil, who received nothing.

One day he came to her and said: "What is the reason that you do not let me have any land whereon to make a home, as all the rest of your men?"

"I have something better for you," she replied. "I intend for you to marry one of my granddaughters and settle on my estate when I die."

Vifil lived to a good old age on the old homestead and was highly respected throughout the land. To him were born many sons and daughters. One of his sons was named Thorstein, whose son was Vifil, the father of Thorbjorn, whose daughter Gudrid married Thorstein Erikson, a brother of the famous Leif Erikson, who discovered Vinland.

After the death of her husband Thorstein, Gudrid married one Thorfinn Thordarson, surnamed Karlsefni, and with him emigrated to America, or Vin-