THE FAR NORTH.

SWEDEN.

The streets of Stockholm have an artificial light from June 1 to July 15.

The Kornsoen box factory exported the other day a large supply of boxes to Arabia.

A young nobleman of Malmo committed suicide at Monaco on account of losses at the roulette table.

The Gothenburg Handelstidning has raised 3,000 crowns for the sufferers at Vaerdalen Norway.

Prince Bernadotte is staying with his family at the Royal castle, Rosendal, during the summer.

The Y. M. C. A. of Stockholm, is raising funds for a new hall. Its parlors have given 3,000 crowns each.

The artists of Stockholm and vicinity had their annual jubilation rendezvous at the beautiful Nacksnen.

Two hundred and forty-six petitions from concerts who wanted to congrate were discussed at the last cabinet meeting.

Rev. Erik Boden, of Ostersund, has been expelled from the state church on account of drunkenness and cruelty against his wife.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically among the conscripts of the Leksand company at Kopmobord. Ten cases were reported the other day.

It is rumored that Colonel Wilhelm Reutersward, commander-in-chief of the First Grenadier regiment, will be appointed governor of the Ostben Lens.

On account of the smallpox now raging in Gothenburg the English authorities have decided that no Swedish emigrant will be allowed to land in England before he can prove that he has been vaccinated.

The Bethel seminary, the theological seminary of the Baptist church of Sweden, graduated its candidates of theology at the commencement last spring. The attendance last winter was forty, and the number of classes, three.

The temperance people of Stockholm will have a convention at Lofbagsgarden, July 9. At least sixteen of the foremost temperance lecturers of the country will speak on temperance and prohibition from four different platforms.

The military bands of the Svea body guard, the Second body guard, the mounted body guard and the Svea artillery regiment have together given several concerts at Hasselbacken, Stockholm, the income of which will go to the suffering people of Vaerdalen Norway.

The friends of universal peace are busy in Sweden now-a-days. Their last move is the distribution of circulars appealing to the people of Sweden for signatures to a petition "to the king of Sweden, the government and the Riksdag." The petition says: "Europe groans under the preparations for war. A horrible butchery and senseless misery will be the results if the flame of war is kindled in Europe. Not through preparations for war, but through international courts of arbitration lies the way to peace. Only when international law takes the place of armed violence may the nation find a remedy against the evils of war and preparation for war. We ask for peace, for the liberty and prosperity of our country, for the happiness of our homes, for our daily bread, for the betterment of the condition of those who suffer from want, for the welfare of everybody." The petition demands a gradual disarmament.

NORWAY.

Count de Presse is preparing a French translation of Ibsen's "Gengangerne."

The London Times has over half a dozen advertisements of pleasure trips to Norway.

A mass meeting at Sand, near Stavanger, by a vote of seventy against twenty, endorsed the policy of ex-Premier Steen.

The Stang cabinet has decided not to force the king to express himself on the consular service question a third time during the present session of the Storthing. This body, however, seems determined to press the matter to an issue as soon as possible.

At Kristiania, not far from Christiania and the "pure" Norwegian flag was hunted the other morning. A number of Swedes who noticed this pulled it down. As soon as they were gone the owner raised it again. But now they returned and pulled down the flag staff and the owner withdrew from the battle field in dismay.

Ernest Tissot, a Frenchman, has written a book of three hundred pages on Bjornson and Ibsen and their works. The author does not understand Norwegian, but he has studied the German and English translations of these works with care. The conclusions of the author are that the Norwegians have excelled their contemporaries in reproducing the life of the stage.

F. Franzen, the Swedish missionary, who has preached in nearly every country on the globe, recently delivered an interesting sermon at Christiania. The subject was in fact "The Union Throw them," and he almost exceeded the superlatives of the Swedish language in denouncing those who attempted to "explode" the union. The result upon the union, by the Norwegians, the speaker said, would lead to Republicanism, socialism, spiritualism, divorces and free love.

DENMARK.

Some 1,200 adherents of the free church movement have had a two days' convention at Kolding.

L. Jepsen, the author of the novel, "Sick Love," which was confiscated by the police, has been put in jail.

The Island Farmers Loan Association, which was organized in 1891, refinanced out 17,000,000 crowns since that time.

About 10,000 persons attended the Scandinavian temperance festival at Vesterfield, Copenhagen. After a literary program had been rendered, the young people spent most of the night in dancing and mingling in sports of different kinds.

OUR STOCKHOLM LETTER.

Dr. Nansen Has Started for the North Pole—Sweden's National Holiday—Norwegian Bulletin Taken to Task by a French Paper.

STOCKHOLM, June 16.—(Special.)—When you, my readers, are looking through this letter, Dr. Nansen will probably be on his way to the North pole.

A prominent journalist, who interviewed him the other day at his home in Lysaker, near Christiania, writes about his visit as follows:

Dr. Nansen met me at the depot. He told me that he had given up smoking and drinking entirely, in order to train himself for the approaching hardship. Nansen's wife is a petite, lively woman of dark complexion, who never spent an idea that her husband

"His body is furnished with one old hopsack, the 4 large oaken tubs a type-writing machine and bundles of papers and manuscripts were to be stored. Tents now are broken from all parts of the world, from people who wanted to participate in the expedition. There was a letter written by a French lady, who was tired of life and intended to wear a corset, but believed it would be better and more product to "broke out" for the North pole.

"The bread which will be the principal nourishment of Nansen and his people during the expedition is a kind of biscuit, large and round, waste and very compact. The ration of each man is to consist of four biscuits a day. Milk will be used as the most suitable material for food, as it does not the most better than anything else.

"The cabin of 'Fram' (Forward) is heated by means of an English petroleum stove, which consumes three liters of petroleum a day. As the explorer has taken along with him a sufficient supply of the fuel to last him eight or nine years, there will be no lack of heating material.

"The library of the expedition consists of 1000 books, half of which are scientific works and the other half novels, poetry, etc. The crew of the ship numbers twelve men, who together will occupy the cabin, which measures only thirteen feet square. Here they are going to dwell, eat and work. Nansen intends to take his typewriting machine along, so he believes that the ice will be strained less if he copies using a pen during the long and dark days.

Each one of the crew, as well as the explorer himself, will wear a certain kind of suit which cannot be penetrated by water.

A NEW JENNY LIND IN PARIS.

Siri Lind is the name of artist under which a young Swedish songstress has made her successful debut in Paris. Her real name is Gertrude Sjoerman, and she was born in being a relative of the great Jenny Lind.

The prominent journals Le Gaulois and Le Matin speak of her voice as one of rare timbre and cultivation, and the former paper states that "she created a formal sensation by her singing at a soiree the other day."

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

Hitherto old Sweden has not had any national holiday of the same significancy and in the same sense as the Fourth of July is one whatever Lapd American may, or the 17th of May, where Norwegians come together.

Why should not Sweden celebrate her day of liberty as well as any other country? is the question which so recently has been asked many times over and over again, being always answered in the affirmative. Besides, the matter has been thoroughly discussed in the press, but it was not until a few weeks ago that operators united as to a certain day of celebration.

Midsummer evening, the 23rd of June, was set as this day, and was selected chiefly on account of its importance to the Swedish people as a day of joy and festival, on which they used to adorn their homes with flowers and plants and dance merrily around the maypole, but also by many reasons of historical significance.

The 23rd of June is named as day of fame in the history of the three Scandinavian of liberty: Engelbrekt, Gustavus Vasa and Gustavus Adolphus. It was that day in 1434 on which Engelbrekt and his Dalecarlians arose against the Danish king, who was also the ruling regent of Sweden, and it was on a midsummer night in 1523 that Gustavus Vasa ended his war of liberation by forcing Stockholm, desperately defended by the Danes, to capitulate, and at the head of his victorious army, making his entry in the capital.

And last, but not least, may be remembered another event, which, taking place on the same date in 1523, became so epoch in the history of Protestantism and Lutheranism: the making of Gustavus Adolphus and his army on the island of Rugen and Sweden's formal participation in the Thirty Years' war.

No wonder then, that the people of Sweden have stamped their approval of the 23rd of June as a holiday of the whole nation!

NORWEGIAN THREATS.

A shareholders' union of Christiania passed the following resolution a few days ago: "The present political outlook—well in general as in particular—seems to demand that every Norwegian shareholder should be ready to fight for the future of Norway."

SOUND BY AN ELEPHANT.

It sounds incredible, nevertheless it is said to be true, that Eng, a female elephant in the Zoological garden of Copenhagen recently rose to her hoofs to consuming sounds. The animal was suffering from constriction of the bowels, and one day, while sat on by the pains, the sick joint to deliberately throw herself against one of the numerous large stones in the upper part of the wall in the elephant house. The peg penetrated the head, injuring the brain, with the result that the animal died shortly afterwards. The verdict of the vet, who made the post mortem examination, was that the cause had "thousand, whole sick and dispositions, prompted suicide by hammering an iron peg into her head."

NORWEGIAN RAILWAYS CLOSED TO TRADE.

"The formation of Germany between Sweden and Norway would, without doubt, bring the result that Russia would seize a portion of Norway in order to be able to reach the North sea.

"The Norwegian radicals who most upon the dissolution of parliamentarism to have found no sympathy outside of its own country, strongly urging that power's foreign relations to the Norwegian concern is there a political one the supposed of the doctrine of the previous will.

"The Norwegian Parliamentarian paper, Lagstad, has the Norwegian radicals greatly to task, and calls their conduct a politics of suicide. The paper reminds it as highly probable that in case of the dissolution of the union Russia will not let heavy fall on neutral in Northern Norway to the purpose of obtaining one or several harbors on the coast.

The Russian press speaks very slightly regard to these suggestions. The Moskva paper argued only a few days ago that was the time to hold the work of Peter the Great, and take possession of such harbors which would give Russia admittance to the ocean. The paper mentioned Vardoehus and the Ocean Fjord in particular.

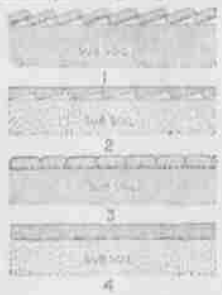
As perhaps known, several of the Norwegian railroads are in favor of transferring a harbor on the Norwegian coast to Russia voluntarily.

For my part I am thoroughly convinced that should this gift ever take place, Russia would sooner or later imagine she were in need of the whole Scandinavian peninsula.

SOIL MOISTURE AND SOIL TILLAGE.

An Important Matter Made Plain With Illustrations.

Evaporation of water from the surface of soil will during the warm season usually take the water away faster than the plants supply it. One says must depend for their moisture on the supply of moisture stored up in the great reservoir beneath than on the rainfall during the main part of the growing season.



STILLING BAR AND HOOK.

With a good depth of reservoir in soils with porous subsoil, and consequently with a free movement of the soil water, from it water and up in summer, and the occasional use of soil mulches by the process of moisture evaporation, a continuous supply of moisture can be secured to the roots even in dry seasons. The upward movement of the soil water by capillary action is far more rapidset than gravitation. Thus the supply in the soil moisture is drawn up more sufficiently and will last much longer. All this is made plain in Fig. 1, which represents a sample chief under good cultivation. The pulverized top soil is the mulch that prevents the excessive loss of soil moisture by evaporation. The fine soil is then seen to quickly expand from the roots to from below.

POTATO PLANT GROWN FROM CUTTINGS.

But little evaporation takes place from the pulverized soil for the simple reason that the capillary action is interrupted and the soil water does not reach beyond the compacted part. Hence the loss of moisture is confined to the surface. Thus the supply in the soil moisture is drawn up more sufficiently and will last much longer. All this is made plain in Fig. 1, which represents a sample chief under good cultivation. The pulverized top soil is the mulch that prevents the excessive loss of soil moisture by evaporation. The fine soil is then seen to quickly expand from the roots to from below.

TOO LATE FOR FRUIT.

At the recent meeting of California horticulturists the most valid argument against horticulture was set forth. The proposition of the Pacific Coast fruit has not yet been sufficiently to the people, which is positively prohibited to United States. The question of time was also considered, and precedent was for a large time for arrival of boats, which a time within a small local character was defined for small boats.

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