

# THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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## SWEDEN.

Smallpox is raging epidemically in the parish of Vallentuna, Upland.

Mrs. Ellen Asp, of Anderstorp, died at the age of 99 years.

Nine members of the Riksdag are good templars.

Prince Eugen, the artist, will soon leave for Paris.

The church in Halmstad will be furnished with electric lights.

A French newspaper man calls King Oscar "the most entertaining monarch in Europe."

Anders Anderson's farm at Vester Eusta in Tierp was totally burned down.

C. F. Ulven, the wholesale merchant of Falun, has been forced to make an assignment.

The potato crop in southern Skone is the largest even known in that province.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by Erik Hanson, of Olvanejo, and his wife.

During the last decade the forest fires of Worrlaud have swept over an area of 185,000 acres.

The labor union at Sundwall has joined the socialist party whose official leaders reside at Stockholm.

The Landsting of Vetterbottom has appropriated \$35 for the temperance organizations of the province.

The total attendance at the Stockholm public schools for the fall term is 28,000, 21,000 in the day schools and 2,000 in the night schools.

Typhoid fever is raging epidemically in some of the parishes of Gestrikland, and at many places the public schools have been closed.

One hundred and forty-five members just elected to the lower house of the riksdag are against the tariff on grain; eighty-three in favor of it. This is a gain of four seats for the free traders.

Rev. Staaf, of Stockholm, proposes that the Sunday morning prayer meetings in the churches of the capital be discontinued, "because they only draw small audiences."

Gustaf Gullberg, the journalist, who visited America and the World's Fair some months ago, has written an article on American actors and actresses which will appear in the Svea magazine. Pictures and biographies of Richard Mansfield, Nat. Goodwin, Lillian Russell, Ada Rehan and many others will be given.

"It is asserted that the pope will soon issue an encyclical recommending universal disarmament. Another reason why we should be on our guard against Catholicism, for as yet our state church is not mad enough to be in favor of the abolishment of war and standing armies," says the Swedish *Medborgaren*.

Of the 868,000 individuals who emigrated during the forty years 1851-1890 inclusive, 126,000 were married; 128,-

000 children under fifteen years of age; 241,000 bachelors; and 171,000 spinsters; the number of unmarried men is, however, assuredly underestimated. Even at a very low calculation, the Swedish population in the United States—counting the children born in America—must now be about 1,000,000.

The area of the mainland of Sweden with the islands amounts to 442,126 square kilometers, of which about one-twelfth, or as much as the whole of Denmark, consists of water. As regards size, the united kingdoms (Sweden and Norway) form the largest realm in Europe, next to Russia, Sweden itself ranking as the sixth, whilst its neighbor Russia is eleven times larger. The states of North America are twenty-one times the size of Sweden while the latter country is three times as large as the state of Illinois.

The great clergyman's council at Stockholm, by a vote of 30 to 28, resolved that "the doctrine of the Swedish church is the purely evangelical which, founded on the sacred word of God and the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testament, is adopted through the unaltered Augsburg confession of the year 1530 and the Upsala decree of the year 1593." The council further proposed that the usual priest's oath be abolished and a solemn pledge employed in its place.

The liberals propose to contest the election of the conservative member of the lower house from the fourth riksdag district of Stockholm. The complaint alleges that about thirty votes were cast by persons who were not entitled to vote. The majority of the conservatives was very small in this district. If these charges are not sustained, the liberals are prepared to draw up a new complaint charging Mr. Rappe, the minister of war, with having intimidated certain voters so that they did not dare to vote according to their conviction.

The direct trade between Sweden and the United States was in 1891, valued at \$3,500,000, of which the exports were but one-fifth million. With closer examination into the commercial interchange between Sweden and America through intermediate hands the actual trade is found to be much larger. Mr. Thomas, minister of the United States, calculates for 1889, when the direct import from the United States to Sweden was estimated at but \$1,500,000, that the actual imports to Sweden of American goods amounted to fully \$8,000,000. The export from Sweden to the United States is similarly calculated by Mr. Thomas to have had a value the same year, of \$2,760,000.

## NORWAY.

The winter rye looks very promising around Christiania.

Potatoes have been cheap in Christiania this fall—from 18 to 27 cents per bushel.

The Lady Teachers' Union of Chris-

tiania has taken steps towards the establishment of a lady teachers' home.

About two and a half pounds was the weight of a potato recently presented to the editor of the *Verdens Gang*.

Up to October 7th 530,000 barrels of herring had been salted down for exportation.

The new railroad near Soker is ready for traffic. But it cannot be opened for some time yet, because the depot buildings along the line are not finished.

"Prince Valdemar" recently brought a cargo of live cod from Iceland to Christiania. There were over 4000 fish, all in a good condition.

Sclor Vinger and Odalen raised a splendid crop of barley and oats last summer. The weather being dry during the harvest, it has also been gathered into the barns in good shape.

The Norwegian W. C. T. U. is as yet a weak organization. But it shows a healthy growth for the past year, its membership having increased from 171 Nov. 1, 1892, to 488 at present.

A Mrs. Nilsen, of Christiania, has been a practicing midwife for the past 25 years, assisting at more than 6000 births. Among them were 300 cases of twins and two cases of triplets.

Large masses of soft clay have been flowing out of the bottom of the immense ravine formed by the Verdalen landslide and is feared that new landslides will occur by the caving in of the steep walls of the ravine.

The factories owned by a stock company at Meraker were put up at a public auction the prices asked being successively 700,000, 680,000 and 650,000 crowns; but as there were no bids the auction was put off.

The world consumes from 1000 to 1500 tons of nickel annually. In the course of the past 20 years Norway has contributed 183 tons a year to this; but the production is on the decrease because this metal can be produced cheaper in Canada than in Norway. The ore mined in the former country contains 15.20 per cent of nickel while in Norway it is only found in pyrites and never exceeds 5 per cent of the ore containing it.

## DENMARK.

Liebe has been elected president of the landsting. Hogsbro has been elected speaker of the folkething.

Nothing unusual occurred at the opening of the diet—only the traditional program being conscientiously carried through.

Dr. George Brandes has finished a large work on "William Shakespeare," which will be published by the Syldendal Publishing House this winter.

The fourth Danish edition of *Inhabited Worlds*, by Camille F. Dammarnon, has been published. The translation has been made from the 84th French edition.

At the opening of the Riksdag the government presented the reports for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1893. The receipts were \$15,120,000 and the expenditure \$17,064,000.

In the so-called Sjælland royal carriage is a "historical" pane of glass in which all the members of the royal family have scratched their names with diamonds. Before the recent visit of the Czar a glazier was ordered