

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

Prince Carl will probably make a trip on the continent next January.

More than 2000 flats are advertised for rent in Stockholm.

A railroad is to be built between Valkog and Lunde in the province of Vestmanland.

The oldest good templar in Sweden is Per Svenson in Flon, Flunastalen, who is 88 years of age.

The Swedish export to Africa has increased 25 per cent during the last few months.

The Swedish authors have organized a society for their mutual economical benefit.

The large iron-clad Thule, the foremost warship of Scandinavia, will soon make its first tour in the Baltic.

Coneul V. Roahs has donated over 10,000 crowns to the Northern museum of Stockholm.

The catch of eel in Skone has been very rich this fall. One person alone earned 2000 crowns by fishing eel.

Lawyer Cedererantz, the former chief justice of the Samoa Islands, arrived in Stockholm the other day.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in several parishes in the province of Helsingborg.

The next international skating contests for the championship of the world will take place in Stockholm the 10th and 11th days of February, 1894.

Captain Fredrik Ostberg has departed for Congo, where he will be commander of the steamer on the Congo river.

The 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church in the parish of Monsteraas was celebrated with solemn ceremonies.

Many of the northern provinces have already been visited by several blizzards, and sleigh riding and skating are going merrily on.

Several subterranean caves have been discovered at the new cemetery in Helsingborg. The caves are believed to be several hundred years old.

Mr. Erik Olson, a very prominent citizen of Berg, near Arivika, died at the age of over 100 years. He had been taken sick only three days before his death.

The new public school house in the parish of Maria Magdalena in Stockholm was dedicated the other day. It is one of the most imposing buildings in Sweden's capital.

Vicomte de Soto Major, the popular Portuguese minister to Stockholm, will be 86 years old November 18. The old diplomat is very ill, and not able to leave his bed.

Miss Nelly Hall, who has been travelling in America for about one year, has collected and sent home more than 5000 crowns to the Helgelse union, a religious society in Sweden.

Mrs. Ellen Hartman, the beautiful

actress who a couple of years ago eloped with Count Reinhold von Rosen, will soon re-appear on the stage of the Royal Dramatic theater.

The large county mansion Sparreholm in Sodermanland was sold by Count Fred. Bonde to Mr. Emil Quensel Robert Dickson. The price paid was 675,000 crowns.

Engineer Andree, the aeronaut who was believed to have perished at a balloon ascension, succeeded in making his descent on a rock in the Baltic sea. The balloon was wrecked. Engineer Andree had to spend a rainy night on the rock and was rescued by a fisherman the following day.

The most important articles of import are materials for spinning (principally cotton and wool) colonial produce minerals (coal and salt) and diverse industrial products. The export, again, chiefly consists of timber products, the total value of this item amounting to more than 40 per cent of the entire value of export; and further of butter, cattle, metals, etc.

At a balloon ascension in Stockholm a few days ago the balloon rose very suddenly and was driven out over the Baltic sea, when last observed. Several steamers went out for the purpose of rescuing the aeronaut, an engineer named Andree, but could not overtake the balloon, which disappeared mysteriously. The worst fears are expressed as to Mr. Andree's fate.

The workmen of Stockholm have decided to celebrate November 30th, the day of the death of August Blanche, the popular Swedish author. As perhaps known, Blanche died November 30th, 25 years ago, on which same day in 1868 the monument of Charles XII was dedicated at Stockholm. By the way, it may be mentioned that Charles XII, the famous Swedish king, died on said date in 1718, being shot before Fort Fredrikshald in Norway.

The healthy climate, combined with good social conditions, as a general rule, and riches being pretty equally distributed, makes the position of Sweden very favorable as regards its vital statistics. While the relative number of deaths occurring among Teutonic and Romanic races in Europe is 24 per annum to every thousand inhabitants, it is but 17 in Sweden. This being the lowest death-rate in all Europe, with the sole exception of Norway, where it is about the same.

The number of savings banks in Sweden in 1892 was 388 with 529 branch offices, the number of depositors at the end of the year being 1,089,421, or close upon 23 per each hundred inhabitants of the whole kingdom. Besides these there were 237,060 depositors in the Postoffice Savings bank, established 1884, which, as a general rule, receives small sums. The amount of deposits remaining in the real savings banks was more than

\$75,000,000, and in the Postoffice Savings bank, \$3,500,000, or altogether close upon \$80,000,000.

In Sweden about 1800 tons of tobacco leaves are annually gathered either in the neighborhood of Stockholm or chiefly in Skone. The import of tobacco in 1891 was:

	Pounds
Leaf tobacco.....	7,532,000
Cigars and cigarettes.....	183,000
Other kinds.....	47,000
Total.....	7,762,000

The entire value thereof being \$2,180,000. The export is not worth mentioning. In 1890 there were 85 manufacturing, with 3147 hands. The entire value of the tobacco manufactured was stated to be \$2,870,000.

Gothenburg and Stockholm are Sweden's two prominent commercial towns. The foreign trade of each in 1891 will be seen from the following figures:

	Import.	Export.
Gothenburg.....	\$27,680,000	\$26,336,000
Stockholm.....	28,478,000	8,131,000
Other towns.....	42,921,600	54,207,000
Total.....	\$99,079,600	\$84,697,000

Of the total imports of the country almost 60 per cent thus fall on Gothenburg and Stockholm, but of the exports not quite 40 per cent, which is due to a convenience that the principal article of Swedish export, timber, is chiefly sent out from Norrland ports, Sundsvall, Hernosand, Soderhamn, Gefle and others.

NORWAY.

N. G. Rogstad has been appointed mayor of Throndhjem.

A landslide occurred at Jermetad, but nobody was injured.

The tariff income in 1893 has so far been \$1,087,238.

The Christiania Geographical society numbers now 536 members.

The number of Latter-day Saints in Norway is about 700.

The commercial navy of Norway consists of nearly 8000 ships.

A school for shoemakers will be established in Christiania.

Bishop Essendrop's funeral was one of the largest which has ever taken place in Christiania.

Ravn, the admiral who was recently appointed, is 55 years of age. His full name is Hans Brunchorst Ravn.

The suspicious cases reported from Christiansand have not been Asiatic cholera.

The new museum in Stavanger was dedicated the other day. The cost of the building has been 90,000 crowns.

Rev. Lars Olaf Schoening, of Bodo, died at the advanced age of 74 years. He was known as one of the ablest preachers in Norway.

Up to November 1st, 8224 people have emigrated to America by way of Throndhjem, as compared with 4903 during the same time in 1892.

The king and the queen are making visits in the vicinity all around Christiania, and are enthusiastically received wherever they go.

Christian Kolbjorneen, a 16-year-old boy of Flaa, shot two bears the other day, which had killed some of his father's cattle.