

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

Prepared from Special Cablegrams.

SWEDEN.

The new iron-clad "Thule" has been delivered to the state.

The Hernösand-Lulea railroad will be opened to the public in a few days.

Lars Larson, a hunter of Hyttan, Norrland, shot and killed four bears in one day.

A famine is threatening many Laplanders in the utmost northern part of the country.

Judge C. J. Schöping, one of the oldest jurists in Sweden, died at Stockholm at the advanced age of 76 years.

The farmers of Jemtland have declared war against the wolves, who have killed a large number of their cattle during the last month.

S. Mortenson, a well-to-do citizen of Ringshult, Smoland, committed suicide by hanging himself. The cause is not known.

The Stockholm *Aftonbladet* has now a circulation of 50,000, which is a good showing for a city of only 260,000 inhabitants.

Prince Bernadotte is suffering from influenza. Some of the public schools of Stockholm have been closed on account of the epidemic.

Ex-Sheriff Ola Nilsson, of Kaxelakra, died at the age of 90 years. He had been one of the bravest sheriffs of the parish of Flämsjö.

Queen Sophia, who a few days ago was reported improved in health is again growing worse. She is in bed nearly the whole day in her room in the Ulriksdal castle.

Many fairs and entertainments, to be held in January and February have been arranged by the society of Stockholm. All the receipts will be used for the matter of defenses.

A patriotic poem, written by King Oscar has just been published by some of the Stockholm dailies. The poem is beautiful and speaks of how necessary it is that every citizen makes sacrifices for his country.

The steamer "Tirfing" from Gothenburg arrived at Carlshamn the other day. She had met with a disaster near Carlshamn, and one of her engineers was scalded to death by the bursting of a steam pipe.

Mrs. Anna Lisa Wahlsten, the oldest female inhabitant of Gothenburg, celebrated her 97th birthday. The old woman who is still in good health received many gifts and presents both from known and unknown persons.

One of the leading clergymen of Stockholm is said to be much disgusted with the archbishop, who for some cause has reprimanded him, and will probably soon resign. The most peculiar is that the name of the preacher is not given in the daily papers.

The yearly sale of photographs made in the country amounts in value to about \$1,000,000. It is estimated that nearly 2,500 people are engaged exclusively in the photograph trade in Sweden. Among

Swedish portrait photographers may be especially mentioned the great collection of Swedish national costumes, which are colored and made by G. Florman, of Stockholm. These photographs have been justly admired by foreigners and many of them have found their way to America.

The blind people in Sweden receive instruction at the new and magnificent Royal Institute for the blind at Tomtebodå, in the vicinity of Stockholm, as also at a couple of smaller institutes receiving support from the government. The institute first mentioned receives an annual grant of \$14,000, and during the past year imparted instruction to 76 pupils. The two smaller asylums receive an annual grant of about \$13,000 each. In Sweden, in 1892, the blind numbered more than 4,000.

The heating of the cars on all the Swedish railroad lines is done—with very few exceptions—by steam, furnished by the locomotive boiler for express trains and by a special boiler in the baggage car for the mixed trains, or by a combination of both when the cold is excessive and the train unusually long, as it has been found that steam cannot be carried to advantage for heating purposes for a length of train exceeding 100 meters, when the outside temperature is lower than 15 degrees.

High up in the most northern provinces of Sweden rye is grown in favorable localities even close to the polar circle, though this is exceptional, as the real limit towards the north is considered to be 61 degrees. As a rule so called winter rye is cultivated, being sown in the fall green during the winter and earing the following spring. The spring-rye, which is not so generally cultivated, is annual, has smaller ears, being sown in spring and reaped at the close of the summer. In 1892 an area of 975,000 acres was sown with rye. In Sweden the rye sown in the fall yields on an average 20 to 22 bushels per acre, and weighs 56 lbs per bushel.

The manufacture of scales holds a prominent position in Sweden, and increases the more, partly because most merchandise is now-a-days sold by weight, and partly because, since the introduction of the metric system, scales can be manufactured also for export. All kinds of scales are made, both for wholesale and retail trade. Amongst the eight Swedish factories existing in 1892 for scale manufacture, Tengelin's scale factory in Stockholm takes the first place. This establishment, which was founded in 1823, manufactures a speciality namely the so-called Steelyards, according to their own patent, and specially suitable for market business.

NORWAY.

The number of factories in Norway may be estimated at about 1,000.

Many new large office buildings are being erected in Christiania at present.

Three men, of Hurdalen were drowned while skating on Lake Hurdal the other day.

No landslides have been reported from Værdalen during the last three weeks.

Ex-Admiral Rasmus Andrews Knap died in Copenhagen at the age of 75 years.

Bjornson's "A Gauntlet" will soon be performed at the Royalty Theater at London.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by Emil Larsen, a farmer of Jæderen, and his wife.

The export of lumber from Norway has been much less in 1893 than the previous year.

After the 1st of January next year no more saloons will be found in the city of Christianssand.

The conservatives are making tremendous efforts to come out victorious at the next election.

Bjorn Bjornson, the actor and son of the famous poet of the same name, was married to Miss Gina Oselio, the court singer.

Their wedding was celebrated by Miss Ragnhild Juell, the well-known Norwegian singer and Dr. Bæckstrom of the Upsala university.

Martin Hovdet, of Foldalen was found frozen to death the other night. Hovdet was a peculiar old man, something of a modern Rip Van Winkle.

The radicals will ask Bjornstjerne Bjornson to make stump speeches as soon as the campaign begins in full earnest. Bjornson will probably be only too willing.

A collision between the steamer Anna of Christianssand, and the steamer Augusta of Haugesund took place off Ryvarden. Augusta sank in a few minutes, but her crew was rescued.

Miss Beate Kjelland, a daughter of Alexander L. Kjelland, the famous author, will soon marry Dr. Axel Salomonsen, son of the wholesale merchant Salomonsen, of Brede, Denmark.

The Norwegians and Danes living in Paris gave a banquet in honor of Jonas Lie, the Norwegian poet. The speech of the evening was made by Herman Bang, the eccentric Danish actor.

Bjornson's "En Fallit" was given for the first time at the Valle theater in Rome, and met with a great success. The Italian paper *Popolo Romano* publishes a detailed and very favorable critic.

DENMARK.

Herman Bang, the author, is lying sick in Paris.

Two fishing-smacks capsized off Vardo and eight people were drowned.

Actor Th. Liebe, of the Royal theater, died at Copenhagen.

Hogsbro has been reelected Speaker of the Danish Folkething.

The export from Denmark to the United States, is valued at \$2,160,000.

The wholesale merchant, E. Toermoes, of Copenhagen, died the other day.

Baron Rahden, who some time ago shot and killed Lieutenant Castenschold, has been acquitted.

Fourteen of the fishermen, perished during the late storm, were buried at the Harboore cemetery.

Rev. Hans Peter Kofod-Hansen, a well-known author, died at Copenhagen at the age of 80 years.