

summoned to extra session some time next fall. The fleet will soon be equipped with fifteen large war-ships of the first class, six more armored cruisers, and no less than fifty new torpedo-boats.

It is significant of the interest of the inhabitants in this matter that the Swedish people has voluntarily prepared itself for so called "weeks of denial," during which whole families will desist from satisfying several wants in order to contribute the money, saved in that way, to military purposes. It is believed that the savings will be sufficient to cover the expenses of the building of a new war-ship of the first class. The royal family has also set an example by also submitting itself to a week of denial."

RUSSIAN DESPOTISM IN FINLAND.

Poor Finland is being more and more oppressed by the worst despotism on earth. The paper, "Syn Otschestva," says in an editorial that Finland ought to be nothing else but a Russian province, as it has been conquered by Russian arms stained with the blood of Russian sons. "The obnoxious Finns, who have been Russian subjects for eighty five years, must be subdued," are the words with which the paper concludes its article. According to a late telegram the governor-general of Finland has forbidden the singing of "Our Land" and "The March of the Bjorneborgians," two national airs, at all public occasions and this, of course, has stirred up the nation. Several Swedes connected with the salvation army in Helsingfors, the capital of Finland, have been expelled from the country.

A SCHEME OF NORWEGIAN RADICALS.

The Danish *Nationaltidning* published recently an article on the Norwegian crisis. The paper says among other things: The radicals do not seem to want a republic just at present. The Norwegian demagogues, or "heroes of liberty," as they call themselves, are said to acknowledge the difficulty and danger of a Norway without a king and in war with Sweden. They have therefore contrived that the dissolution of the union ought to take place in a comparatively friendly way, if they created a new Bernadotte dynasty by electing one of King Oscar's young sons king of Norway. The only trouble is that the good Norwegians have to choose between two of the three full grown Princes Bernadotte; Prince Carl they do not want, but it is to be Prince Oscar or Prince Eugene.

Prince Oscar was divested of his hereditary right to the crown on account of his marriage to Miss Ebba Munck, formerly one of the queen's maids of honor, and, according to the constitution, is no longer to be regarded as a member of the royal house. In one way this ought to be an advantage, and another reason for the election of Prince Oscar is that he is strictly religious, and on that account probably would be more acceptable to the great number of Norwegian pietists belonging to the left than anybody else.

"But Prince Eugen is also mentioned as the favorite of other radicals, the genuine Christian radicals, who stand with one foot in the camp of the journalists and artists. Prince Eugen is, as known, an artist himself, and has always harbored very radical opinions. Thereby also his cognomen: The red prince.

AN EMIGRATION EN MASSE.

The emigration seems to be of such an extent this year that it cannot fail to rouse sad feelings in the breast of every Swedish patriot. From several provinces of Sweden, from Smaland, from Dalsland, Västergötland and from Norrland information reaches us about an emigration en masse. In the vicinity of the city of Sundsvall "everybody" is booked for America. It is especially Canada which is believed to be the promised land, and two large caravans, each consisting of more than a hundred people, will depart for the British dominion in June and July. At the same time the emigration to the United States is going on and is nearly as large.

ILLNESS OF ROYALTY.

Queen Sophia's illness seems to be very serious, and although death is not actually imminent, she is gradually growing weaker. The same may be said in regard to the crown Princess, who, having traveled in Egypt and Italy for some time, arrived at Karlsruhe the other day. Official denials, of course, are issued of the illness of the high personages, but it is an old story, always new, the royal people are very sensitive on the subject of their health, never admitting that they are sick before death is not far away. As to the male members of the royal house, they are all doing well, except the king, who is extremely nervous, the trouble with Norway no doubt preying upon his mind.

SWEDISH STEEL TO JAPAN.

One hundred ten boxes containing Swedish steel were recently sent from Stockholm to Yokohama with the steamer "Svithlod." The steel will be used in the manufacturing of knives, scissors, etc. A large number of horse-shoes from the Gelte horse-shoe factory was also sent with the same steamer.

THE "GOLD CURE" CONDEMNED.

The "gold cure" has been pronounced "no good" in Copenhagen. In a late issue of a Danish medical journal Prof. Brandes gives out some reports as to the result of the so called "gold cure," which was introduced at the public hospital of Copenhagen about a year ago. The expectations, which certain sanguine and kind-hearted people once had in regard to the "gold cure" have failed entirely, and the more than miserable result is, if not what was predicted already ten months ago, a complete fiasco. Dr. Zehrtmann, a colleague of Prof. Brandes, will soon publish some statistics concerning the "gold cure," and the reports of the doctor will probably be of a condemnatory nature.

THE FAR NORTH

SWEDEN.

King Oscar has donated 5,000 crowns to the people suffering on account of the latest landslide in Værdalen, Norway.

Five people, three women and two men, were drowned the other day while fishing off Kaenso near Gothenburg.

The suffragists of Stockholm held a monster demonstration on June 4th, in favor of universal suffrage.

The statue of Olaus Petri, the great disciple of Martin Luther, will be erected at Stortorget (the large square) in Stockholm.

"A little Norwegian girl," says an exchange, has given 12 crowns to the Swedish ladies' society for the defense of Sweden.

At the latest cabinet meeting 150 petitions from conscripts, who asked for permission to emigrate to the United States, were discussed.

The large circus at Karlavegen in Stockholm was burned down the other day. Four firemen were killed during the fire. A large industrial exposition was held in the circus at the time of the fire. The loss is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

King Oscar and Queen Sophia were serenaded the other night by the famous student singers of the university of Upsala. The choir consisted of 250 men. Many national airs were given, and the royal couple declared itself very well pleased with the homage paid them.

Journeymen tailors are scarce in Stockholm. One master tailor complained that he advertised for a tailor every day for a week without receiving a single application. This peculiar state of things is said to be due to heavy emigration among tailors.

Mrs. Blehr, the wife of the Norwegian minister to Stockholm during the administration of Steen, became very popular among the higher classes of the capital during her stay here, because of her refined manners, the uprightness, irrespective of political affiliations, paying her their respects in a conspicuous manner, when she and her husband returned to Norway.

Bruno Liljefors has exhibited a number of paintings in Berlin, and it took the Germans no time to see that he ranges above the average as an artist. The *Dresdener Anzeiger*, from which the following is taken shows how closely the Germans have studied his works. "He has studied the wild animals with great predilection; he has closely observed how they look and act in their own state. It is surprising to see how correctly he can reproduce the cat, the fox, the hare, the grouse, etc. Nothing is manufactured, nothing calculated, nothing exaggerated or strained, but only plain seriousness and full truth. Mr. Liljefors is a genius of high order and his art fascinates chiefly through its freshness and independence of all mannerism." Mr. Liljefors has exhibited several pictures in the Art building at the World's Fair, which have received the most flattering praise in the Chicago daily papers.

NORWAY.

Miss F. Lund, of Bergen, assisted at a Wagner matinee at Berlin. She sang "Elsa's Traum" from "Lohengrin," and was received with a storm of applause.

A farmer named Langbaek, of Nordmoere, has confessed that he thirteen years ago murdered the four-year old son of his betrothed, because he "did not like illegitimate children."

Emil L. Brandt has written 35,000 letters on a space equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a common postal card. At this rate he could write 140,000 letters on a postal card, which is equal to the number of letters in a good sized newspaper," says a teacher's journal.

A libel suit was instituted against the Verdens Gang, on account of a communication by "a western railroad