

# THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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## SWEDEN.

A railroad is to be built between the city of Kalmar and Stora Ljungby.

King Oscar is ill, suffering from rheumatism.

The landed estate of Sweden is valued at \$724,000,000.

The estate owner J. Hallen, of Amal, died at the age of 97 years.

The population of Stockholm is 257,000, according to the latest statistics.

C. A. Sallstrom, a former lieutenant of the Swedish army, committed suicide.

Mrs. A. Larson, of Bjorko, near Jonkoping, died at the age of 106 years.

C. E. Fritze, the well-known court book dealer of Stockholm, died at Berlin.

The Swedish Sloyd System has met with great success in the public schools of Naples.

G. Engstrom, one of the oldest merchants of Norrkoping, died at the age of 73 years.

Rev. J. A. Nyman, of Tengene, the oldest of Swedish clergymen, celebrated his 94th birthday.

A direct steamship line between Gothenburg and Southern America will soon be established.

Prince Bernadotte will be a member of the convention of the Y. M. C. A. to be held in London next June.

A Russian paper, the name of which will be *Besieda* (Conversation), will be published in Stockholm.

The export of Swedish cutlery to the United States was larger during 1893 than during any previous year.

Rev. E. Ahlen, of Ingaron, died at the age of 94 years. He was in good health until a few days before his death.

Dr. J. R. Spilhammar has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Post-tidningen*, the organ of the government.

Major-General R. Bjornstjerna, commander-in-chief of the 6th division of the Swedish army, has resigned.

A railroad will be built between Hudiksvall and Bergsjö. Stock for nearly 400,000 kronor has already been taken.

The society ladies of Christiania will soon arrange a fair for the purpose of collecting money for the defense of the country.

Prince Eugene is at present painting four hours every day. He is just finishing a large picture which will be exhibited in Paris.

As to the latest reports from Rome the Swedish crown princess is so ill that she is expected to die at any moment.

The wholesale merchant C. J. Koch, of Malmo, who died recently, left an estate estimated to be worth about \$2,000,000.

Rev. E. Larson of the parish of Vallentuna, is dead. He was known as one of the best preachers in the province of Uppland.

The statistics show that about ten per cent of the female good templars in Sweden go back to drinking, while only eight per cent of the men.

The export of Gothenburg amounted to nearly \$28,000,000 in 1893, while the export of Stockholm amounted only to \$7,000,000, or one fourth.

Hon. W. W. Thomas, the ex-minister of the United States to Sweden and Norway, will leave Stockholm for America some of the first days in May.

Two large royal elk hunts, to which the German Emperor and the Prince of Wales will be invited, will take place this fall at Hunneberg, both in September.

Arthur Leffler, the royal Swedish commissioner to the World's Fair, has written several newspaper articles, praising America and American institutions. Still he has a good friend in King Oscar.

The Gustavus Adolphus societies of Germany took up collections in Sweden last year amounting to several thousand dollars. The aim of these societies is to aid weak Protestant churches, especially in Catholic countries.

There are in Sweden about seventy-four joinery works, with a produce value of about two and half million dollars. In 1893 joiners' work in the form of house fittings was exported to a value of \$575,000, and carpentry goods to the value of \$350,000. The chief customers are Great Britain and France.

A museum of great importance in its collection of Swedish Antiquities is the Historical Museum belonging to the university of Lund, the total of the objects amounting to about 10,000. The stone-age is especially richly represented, and most naturally, since Skone was the province first peopled in Sweden. The city of Lund is, as known, situated in Skone.

## NORWAY.

Jonas Lie, the famous author, is reported sick.

Several prominent Swedish actors will play in Christiania this summer.

Several American tourists have already arrived at Christiania.

A Norwegian paper styles the Swedish crown prince "crazy."

The police force of Norway's capital will be increased.

Emperor William is expected to visit Norway in July.

A tenth edition of Ibsen's *Pergynt* will soon be published.

A new tourist hotel will probably be built at Roraas.

Severe storms are reported from the southern part of the country.

Last winter an unusually large number of reindeer were killed by wolves.

Rev. E. Larsen, of Lillefors, died at the age of 72 years.

All the conservative papers take the Storting to task because of its refusal

to grant the usual annual appropriation to the crown prince.

The population of Norway is estimated at 2,225,000 as to the latest statistics.

The growth of Norwegian shipping during the past forty years has been enormous.

A large number of Swedes have settled down at Christiania during the last years.

Gaseengines are frequently used in the larger cities, but are not produced within the country.

Diphtheria is reported to be raging epidemically in some of the parishes around Kristiansund.

Those kinds of fruit trees which are almost exclusively cultivated in Norway, are apple, pear, cherry and plum.

The new drama expected by Ibsen, will probably first be played at the Dagmar Theater of Copenhagen.

German and English sheep have been imported to Norway, but have not exercised any lasting influence on the native breed.

The maximum of the daily work in the railway offices of Norway is eight hours. A vacation of two to four weeks is allowed.

The city of Larvik has granted an appropriation of 600,000 kroner for the building of a railroad between Larvik and Vittingfos.

Not until the age class 40-45 does Norway show the same proportion of married men as Teutonic and Romanic Europe has, as a general rule.

Railroad building has been a relatively hard task in Norway, owing to the unfavorable surface of the country, mountains and fjords being nearly everywhere.

## DENMARK.

The king's health is reported to be very bad.

A new novel by Herman Bang, will soon be out.

Dr. E. Nissen, of Helsingor, died at the age of 65 years.

The Aker farm near Helsingor was burned down.

Many Americans are at present staying in Copenhagen.

The Jutland fishermen are suffering from the want of food.

Dr. E. Hansen a well-known physician of Copenhagen, is dead.

The fire department of Copenhagen will soon have three new engines.

Herman Bang, the author, is again reported to be very ill.

The Dagmar Theater of Copenhagen, has suffered heavy losses during the last season.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by A. Elloisen, of Roeskilde, and his wife.

The Salvation army is doing a good work by assisting the poor people of Copenhagen.

A new steamship line will be established between Helsingor and Helsingborg in Sweden.

The young girls of Mariebo want to marry, and advertise for that purpose in several papers.

The export of Danish butter to England has enormously increased during the last year.