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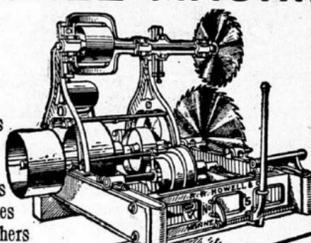
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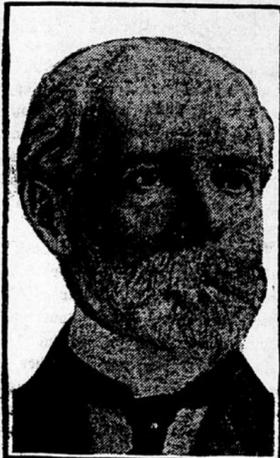
Interesting News from Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

SWELL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

Dinner in Honor of the Crownprince and Crownprincess of Sweden Given at Dorchester House, in England, by Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid —Mrs. Potter Palmer, Admiral Capps and Major General Barry Among the Americans Present.

SWEDEN.

The crownprince and crownprincess of Sweden were not only entertained by the Astors, but they were also feted by Ambassador Reid and wife, who gave a dinner and dance in their honor, which, it is reported, was one of the swellest international affairs of the



WHITELAW REID.

season. This was the last Dorchester House entertainment of the season and stands unequalled in London by any diplomat of any nationality. The dinner guests included the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Paul Cambon, the French ambassador; the Swedish minister and Countess Wrangel, Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Major General Thomas H. Barry, Rear Admiral Washington L. Capps, U. S. N.; Lord and Lady Desborough, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and Sir Charles and Lady Hardinge. Both the young Swedish crownprince and crownprincess were exceedingly popular during their visit in London, and the entertainments given in their honor were lavish.

According to reports the Employers' association is in such complete ascendancy in Stockholm that it refused the offer of a group of leaders of independent political parties to negotiate a settlement on a basis of the return of the strikers under the old conditions. The Employers' association said it was already the winner and would make its own terms with those who wished to return to work. The rejection of the offer indicated that the strikers will be fortunate if they are not actually forced to lose ground as the result of the strike.

There are at present in Sweden very nearly a half a million temperance people. In exact language there are 475,000. Of these 205,000 are Good Templars, 96,000 belong to the Blue Ribbon order, 69,000 to the Templar order, 46,000 to the National Good Templar order, 27,000 to the Verdandi order, 12,000 to the S. S. U. H., 6,000 to the White Band, besides 4,000 railway employees, and 10,000 scattered prohibitionists who belong to various societies and orders.

The members of the French parliament and their ladies, who have been paying a visit to the northern capitals, were well received in Stockholm. They were entertained by the city council and King Gustaf gave a swell garden party in their honor at the Royal Palace. They spoke in terms of high praise regarding their journey in the north hand of the open-hearted hospitality which had been extended them on every hand.

M. Legagneau, a Frenchman, made an ascension with his aeroplane in Stockholm, July 24. He circled above "Ladugarsgarde" and did not seem to have much trouble in managing his air craft. After remaining in the air for about forty minutes he landed his craft safely on terra firma about seven miles from Stockholm.

Another great sangarfest will be held in Stockholm in 1912. A committee has already been appointed to make all the necessary preparations, and it will thus be held in connection with the Olympian games. The great concert which was held in Skansen July 18 of this year, netted a sum of \$10,000.

The Maria Magdalene church in Stockholm will soon be submitted to a thorough renovation. The repairs on the exterior of the building have already commenced. The church will have new decorations entirely and as it is all planned on an elaborate scale, it will not be completed for at least two years.

During their visit to England recently the Crownprince and Crownprincess of Sweden were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Astor at Clivenden, in

the vicinity of London. They were royally entertained by the former American and his wife.

If Bjornstjerne Bjornson's health will permit he will probably attend the international peace congress, which will be held in Stockholm from Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. Berta Von Sutter, another Noble prize winner, will also be present.

Premier Lindeman is at present enjoying his vacation, which ends the 23th of this month. He is spending most of his time in Helsingland, where the summer weather is fine and cool at this season of the year.

NORWAY.

"Milk and oatmeal" not the kind of oatmeal that is sold on the general market in the United States, but real old, coarse ground oats, is getting popular in Norway once more and this is certainly well. During the last twenty-five years this simple old dish has not been so popular on the table as formerly, but with the increase of appendicitis and poor digestion, the Norwegian people are going back to the good old dish of "mjolk og havregraut." The doctors, too, are recommending it strongly and say that the old standby is the best after all. People in former years were very much more healthy in Norway than they are today and many physicians believe that it is the introduction of delicacies in food that has caused so much sickness. The old fashioned dishes are, therefore, becoming popular again, and may this be true the world over. Oatmeal and milk is nourishing and there have been several cases of indigestion right in Christiania recently which have been effectively cured on the simple diet. Therefore back to "mjolk og havregraut."

The court of arbitration which has just closed a series of meetings which were held at Stromstad, Sweden, has not as yet completed its deliberations. At the close of the meetings in Stromstad they were taken on board the Swedish gunboat "Svensksund," which took them over the route which they believe should be the boundary line. Then the members of the court were landed at Kloster, which affords a splendid view of the waters in dispute. The court held an official session at the Vette town hall, and this closed the work on the Swedish side. They spent the following week on the Norwegian side and the Norwegian authorities accommodated the members of the court as best they could. Within a few days the court will hold its regular meetings and negotiations at The Hague, when it is hoped that the matter can be satisfactorily settled to suit both sides. Yet this may be doubtful.

The reports regarding Emperor William's movements are so changeable, especially when it comes to recording the time when he usually takes his cruise on the west coast of Norway, that they often lose their significance. The fact of the matter is, however, that the emperor did go to Norway this summer, although the general dispatches stated that he had changed his mind. The "Hohenzollern" with Emperor William on board arrived in the Bergen harbor on the afternoon of July 19 last. Consul Mohr was the first one to step on board, accompanied by the commander of the battleship "Norge." King Haakon arrived during the night from Christiania and gave a breakfast in honor of the emperor on board the "Norge" the following morning. The following day Consul Mohr gave a dinner in honor of the distinguished guest. Emperor William entertained King Haakon and his adjutants on the "Hohenzollern" in the evening.

The tourist hotels and inns are filled and the boats on all the popular tourist routes are overcrowded. There are more tourists in Norway this year than there ever has been before and the hotel men especially are making good money. Tourists buy souvenirs for thousands of crowns and keepers of souvenir and relic shops are also reaping a harvest.

DENMARK.

The ministerial crisis which followed the resignation of the Danish cabinet last month because of its failure to secure the support of parliament for its project of military defense, came to an end on Aug. 16 with the formation of a new cabinet under the premiership of Count Holstein-Ledebord. J. C. Christensen is minister of war and marine; former Premier Neegaard minister of finance, and Thomas Larsen minister of public works. Count Ahlfeldt-Laurvig, E. Sorensen, F. S. Hoegsbro, A. Nielsen, K. Bernsen and O. Hansen, retain, respectively, the portfolios of foreign affairs, education, justice, agriculture, interior and commerce.

Denmark will adopt the Swedish custom of celebrating "May Flower Day," when May flowers will be sold at 10 ore a piece and the proceeds will go to some benevolent cause. In Sweden this has been very successful. The last May day there flowers to the amount of 131,000 crowns were sold in different parts of the country and the funds thus collected will be used for fighting tuberculosis among children. It is possible that Denmark will also devote the proceeds from the sale of flowers for the same purpose. It is a beautiful custom, and is productive of a vast amount of good.

There will in the near future be a homeopathic hospital erected in Denmark, which when completed, will be the only one of its kind in northern Europe. A site has already been selected for it in Copenhagen and a sum of \$5,000 has been collected for it. It will cost about \$10,000.

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