

# Normannaheimen GREAT RESOURCES

A Lecturer at Stockholm Declares Sweden Could Support Population of 100,000,000.

The Facts on Which the Assertion Was Based—Sweden's Population Now 5,000,000.

Director E. G. Odeljerna, in a lecture recently delivered in Stockholm, made the assertion that if the natural resources of Sweden were properly applied they could support a population of 100,000,000 instead of 5,000,000, the present number of her inhabitants. Forestry was neglected, he declared. Lumbering was carried on with little intelligence. Every waterfall of the thousands could be developed and made to produce power for the railways and for industrial plants. The immense deposits of peat, a source of great wealth, were scarcely touched. Mining was all but neglected by the Swedes, while English and German capital earned big profits in Sweden.

Finally, the agricultural conditions could be greatly improved by the use of manures which in the course of time were to be had in inexhaustible quantities.

Even with a population of 100,000,000 Sweden would not be as thickly settled as Belgium.

## BISHOP ABSATON STATUE

Program of Unveiling Was Abandoned at the Last Moment.

The ceremony at the unveiling of the equestrian statue of Bishop Absaton, the famous warrior and priest who founded Copenhagen, became almost a fiasco. Professor George Brandes, the distinguished Danish litterateur, had been secured to deliver the principal address. At almost the last moment, there was so much criticism over the selection of a Jew to deliver the address on the occasion of raising a monument to a Christian bishop that the program was abandoned and it was then too late to secure a substitute.

## WORKINGMEN SUFFER

Business Stagnation in Christiania and Copenhagen is Serious.

A mass meeting of the unemployed of Christiania was held Dec. 4 for the purpose of taking some concerted action in their own behalf. The attendance was regrettably large. A committee was appointed to wait on the city government with a petition for extensive public works. The city is to be asked to provide means for securing food supplies at the lowest price and to provide transportation for those who sought work out of town.

## OPEN AIR MUSEUMS

The Plan Gains in Favor Among the Scandinavians.

Scandinavian countries rather excel their neighbors in the matter of open air museums. There is nothing which can quite compare with Skansen in Stockholm. Similar park museums are growing in other places.

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limited area. Each forms a perfect old-time picture. The old Belding farmstead, for instance, with the crooked elder tree against the wall, with the old, uneven pavement, the old bee hives, the cow and the goats; or, better still, the venerable Boscobel church, standing as it did at Boscobel, where it served as parish church up till within a month or two of its re-erection within the grounds of the Lund museum. The museum was no doubt singularly lucky in securing this old edifice.

## ONE OF HEDIN'S FINDS

Valuable Manuscripts From Chinese and Mongolian Cities. Dr. Sven Hedin in his recent travels discovered a series of ruined cities of Chinese and Mongolian origin about 800 years old and found in them some extraordinary sculptures and some ancient manuscripts of extremely rare description.

## MEDDLES WITH COURTS

Senate of Finland Issues Order Under Pressure From Russia. Correspondence of the Associated Press, St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The senate of Finland, under pressure from Governor General Bobrikoff, has issued an order forbidding the summoning of any member of orthodox consistory, Finnish court on an orthodox church holiday.

## A Shower of Honors

King Oscar was very lavish with his decorations this year, an unusually large number of medals being bestowed. The order of the sword was conferred on Colonel Lange, Colonel Hulthoff and Lieutenant Colonel Jensen of the "Thorn" brigade and Captain Comans of the engineers. Norwegians received the Vasa order, among them Consul General Christoffersen at Buenos Ayres and the Norwegian Consul at Copenhagen.

## Colonel Normann's Death

Lieutenant Colonel Normann died in Bergen, Norway, Dec. 18. His room was in flames, but the old veteran of 71 years was too feeble to take flight and was rescued just in the nick of time. He died the next day, however.

## Vikings in America Cup Races

Norwegian will sail the new Defender in the America cup contest next summer. The whole crew will be composed of Norwegians with the exception of the captain. The crew of the Columbia, which will sail in the trial races, will include the captain, also composed of Norwegians.

## Aeronaut's Will

The will of Dr. August Ande, who undertook the daring feat of reaching the north pole by balloon, has been made public. The whole estate is bequeathed to his brother, Captain Ernst W. Ande of Gothenburg. It is now over five years since Ande disappeared. All hope of his return has long since been abandoned.

## WEALTH IN PEAT

The use of peat as a fuel is engaging the attention of Danish economists. Surveys show that there are thirty-two square miles of peat bogs in Denmark with an average depth of 5 feet. It is estimated that over 550,000 tons are available for fuel and which, when dried, is valued at 7 kr. per ton. Last year there were produced 100,000 tons.

## DANISH BUTTER AND EGGS

Denmark's trade with England will show a great increase for 1902. The exports for the month of November, complete, within the scope of its carefully-thought-out and well-balanced plan. The old buildings, which now ornament the site of the museum are all original—quite original, even to the bricks of the burg-her's house; and they have been very happily placed, in spite of the somewhat

## LUTHER LEAGUES MEET

Twin City Members Enjoy a Pleasant Reception at United Church Seminary.

A reception was held by the Twin City Lutheran League at the United church seminary at St. Anthony Park yesterday afternoon and evening. About 400 Luther League members were present and the occasion proved a very pleasant one, especially for the ladies, who were decorated and the rooms presented a handsome appearance. The program was as follows: Scripture reading and prayer, by the Rev. J. J. Pedersen; address of welcome, President Nels Jensen of the Twin City League; piano solo, Miss Ingeborg, vocal solo, H. R. McMillin; piano solo, Miss Ida Glesner; address, the Rev. N. J. Lore, president of the state league; piano solo, Miss Sophie Rosen; vocal solo, Mrs. E. G. Lund; Minnie Liedman; address, Professor E. G. Lund of the United Church seminary.

## THE STATE'S FINANCES

State Treasurer Block Strikes a Yearly Balance for the Various Funds.

State Treasurer Block announces the balance on hand at the close of the year 1902 to be \$11,229,731, to the credit of the following funds:

# In Labor's Field IT IS NATIONALIZED

United Ass'n of Plumbers—Recent Action at Omaha Became Effective Yesterday.

Benefits Offered Under New Plan Are Expected to Prove Very Attractive.

At the convention of the United Association of Plumbers held recently in Omaha, a proposition was favorably taken upon to "nationalize" the union. The vote on the proposition showed a majority of 1,089 in its favor, and since yesterday the policy of the union has conformed to that of the majority.

In the past, while the plumbers have maintained a national organization, it has been largely on paper and has not wielded the influence among locals that its members would expect. It provided no benefits and the results of its efforts to strengthen the trade largely failed. Under the new order, all strikes, in an "active" order, will be sanctioned by the national executive board, and unless so passed on, the union will receive no financial assistance.

There are also sick, death and superannuated benefits. The sick benefit is \$5 per week; death benefits are \$100 and the superannuated benefits are \$300 after twenty years' continuous membership, \$400 after twenty-five years, and \$500 after thirty years.

## MANY NEW UNIONS

Work of Unionizing for 1902 Acted Upon by J. H. Carver. J. H. Carver, district organizer for the American Federation of Labor in Minneapolis, speaking of the progress of labor movement in the city during the past year, says:

"During the past year we have organized house movers, stone masons, baggage and hotel men, holsting engineers, furniture helpers, ice wagon drivers, truck drivers, boiler-makers, helpers, sales ladies, waiters, bill posters, commercial artists, and a host of other workers. We have also organized the Iron Molders and Amalgamated Plumbers. In all these cases the workers' union has increased its membership from 60 to 250. All our unions are growing in strength. Prospects for the coming year are very good."

## WAGE ADVANCES

Some of the Big Employers Who Have Boosted Wages. Several notable advances in wages have taken place in the industrial world recently, the most important being:

An increase of 1 cent per hour for 1,000 employees of the Johnson & Johnson company of Trenton, N. J. An increase amounting to \$125,000 a year to about 3,000 signalmen, dispatchers, telegraphers and townmen on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad system in 15,000 employees of the United States Steel corporation in mills and furnaces and in the blast furnaces and in the steel works. The amount being enclosed in the pay envelopes of June 2.

## WAKE UP, ENGLAND

The Call of an "Anti-Yankee Agitator" Distress in Britain.

Statistics from several manufacturing districts in the north and west of England clearly show that the winter will bring distress and distress to thousands. In Blackburn 10,000 looms are idle and 3,000 cotton spinners out of work. The cotton spinning trade has rapidly lost ground during the past month. Mills have been closed at Moseley and old looms are definitely abandoned. There is acute distress in Sheffield, and the cutlery, saw, file and edged tool works are running on short time. In Birmingham, the Britannia metal trades, usually now at their busiest, are dull, and the number of inmates at the Sheffield workhouse has increased by 200 in the past few weeks.

Grave labor troubles are expected in the coal and tinplate regions in South Wales. Many tinplate mills are closed down, and the state of affairs is very unsatisfactory. An agreement has been reached between owners and men to establish "stop times" one week a month from December to March, about the latest date when the work will be affected by this. London is filling up with the unemployed. This week three ex-soldiers, who served with honor in South Africa, committed suicide because they were unable to find work at a fourth started to death. The members of the Industrial commission have written home some amazing accounts of their experiences in the United States. One delegate, in a letter from Dayton, O., clearly stated the attitude of his fellow-workmen in England when he said: "I do not expect that you will believe me when I tell of the wonderful things I have seen in the American shops and factories. No wonder they are ahead of us. They are willing to adopt the latest labor-saving devices. But you will not believe half I tell you, and the only way to convince you is to make you take the same trip. England had better wake up in a hurry."

## Election by Painters

At a meeting of the Painters' union the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Hawley; vice president, J. H. Johnson; second vice president, Nels Olson; warden, H. H. Sawyer; business agent, A. G. Bainbridge; secretary, B. A. Jones; financial secretary, R. L. Waxham; treasurer, C. J. Axsen; delegates to building trades council, A. G. Bainbridge, Martin Jorgensen; delegates to trades and labor council, Charles Bonge, J. H. Dally; trustee, F. A. Reynolds.

Frederick Swanson; conductor, J. Larson; warden, J. O. Obert. Switchmen's Union. Lodge No. 30, Switchmen's union, yesterday elected the following officers: Master, R. J. Martin; vice master, H. T. Williams; past master, Harry Sullivan; secretary, A. A. Woodruff; treasurer, A. E. Parker; chaplain, Frank Murry; directors, M. R. Carroll, L. F. Graham and H. L. Larkins.

## THE MILLERITE EXCITEMENT

And Other Reminiscences by Mrs. C. A. Stewart. In the winter of his wild and far-reaching "Millerite" movement I was a student in a female seminary in central New York, conducted for both day scholars and boarders. The latter were mostly quite young girls, ranging from 15 to 17. One of the most striking features of the excitement regarding the second coming of Christ would have passed by this peaceful abode, but not so. For weeks out of study hours nothing else was talked of, and the very air was reeking with nervous excitement. Studies were neglected, little groups were seen huddled together, talking it low, and earnestly.

I was a little older than the most of the young ladies and as it was known that I had been graduated from another institution and was engaged to go back to the same as a preceptor, and as the winter year, some of them were constantly coming to me with this absorbing topic. Sometimes they came almost sobbing and very much frightened, a half dozen of them would sit on the floor, Miss Ida, do come and look out of our window; there is a very curious cloud there. Do come and see if you think the Lord is in this cloud. I would readily for the case was really pathetic and I pitied those girls suffering so acutely, and as I thought so needlessly, and I would say to them: "Why, no, I have seen such clouds a great many times. There is nothing unusual." And so they would calm down for the time.

Finally the culmination came. It was reported to us that one of the downtown churches was packed with people who confidently expected that night, the Lord Christ would come and that he would reappear in the clouds of the sky. Many were not, must remain in a burning world. Many had given away their property and invested their last means in the acquisition of that church, and the night of February night for the fruition of their hopes.

How far this excitement was shared in by the substantial citizens I had no means to know, but I was very prominent in regard to it. The pastor where I attended left the matter entirely alone. I suppose that like myself he had faith in the Bible, and he would have been right here that though elderly he is still recognized as an able preacher and fine writer and enjoys the esteem and love of an extensive circle of the church to which he belongs. I think that the excitement of the state of things down at the church was known there were dismay and dismay foreboding on nearly every countenance. Many times I saw a young lady, I really thought the teachers ought to do something to allay the excitement among those suffering girls. But they did not seem to see the matter as I did.

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## AGAIN RUM MUST GO

Attempts to Enforce the Prohibitory Law in the East. New York Sun Special Service. Portland, Me., Jan. 2.—The induction into office of Maine's new sheriffs yesterday is regarded as the beginning of a fresh endeavor to enforce the prohibitory law. Some of these men unequivocally declared their purposes in this direction and gave all rum dealers time to get rid of their stock and to quit the business.

## TOO GREAT BRILLIANCE

Gertrude Atherton Says an Interviewer Laid on the Color. Gertrude Atherton, speaking of her interview with the London Daily Mail, writes as follows to the Chicago Tribune:

"While I am not much disturbed by your suggestion that I should be disturbed by the attempt to advertise me as a labor-saving device, I am somewhat disturbed by the position of a braggart by the interview in question. My part in the whole matter of the Danish West Indies, when rum was to be given up, was an extremely modest one. I wrote the article for the North American Review, giving the plain facts as they were not known to me. I have heard from no one in Denmark on the question since my return, although I know indirectly that the anti-rum party is grateful for the interest I showed in the affair.

Whether I did or did not I have no means of knowing. My interest in the matter was purely personal. I considered that the treaty, fostered as it was by the Danish government—as it is liberal and passionately pro-rum it was not likely that I should—and I have heard from no one in Denmark on the question since my return, although I know indirectly that the anti-rum party is grateful for the interest I showed in the affair.

"The story, when given in all its details, is an extremely picturesque one, and I told it to the gentleman who interviewed me for the Baltimore American. He was and still stronger article to the New York Times, both of which statements were translated and widely circulated in Denmark. I had no communication whatever with the Danish government—as it is liberal and passionately pro-rum it was not likely that I should—and I have heard from no one in Denmark on the question since my return, although I know indirectly that the anti-rum party is grateful for the interest I showed in the affair.

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