

# Sweden's Sailor Prince

DESCENDANT OF MARSHAL BERNADOTTE, WHOM NEWPORT SOCIETY IS EAGER TO ENTERTAIN.

Prince Wilhelm, Official Representative of His Country to the Jamestown Exposition, is a Scion of Europe's Most Democratic Royal House—Sociable Youth, Fond of Outdoor Sports and Engaged to a Beautiful Russian Princess—Peculiar Interest of Swedish-Americans in His Visit.

By ROBERTUS LOVE. REAL live prince! And in America, too! Isn't it lovely? Already Newport has cut monkey shines over the matter of entertaining him which are calculated to make the angels laugh. The visit of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden gives Newport society its first opportunity for a fuss over royalty since the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia in 1903. Sunday well ladies sought the distinction of providing high toned food and bifidulatin receptions for this scion of the most democratic royal house in Europe. In all probability Prince Wilhelm would much prefer a basket of sandwiches, a fish pole, some bait and the glorious privilege of being independent enough to sit on a pier and fish for a day or two. But Newport fished for him, and Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, landed him first. This lady gets the first whack at entertaining Prince Wilhelm; then Mrs. E. J. Berwind, Mrs. Ogden Mills and Mrs. Richard Gambrill take him in turn. So it is all settled, and we may proceed to tell the really interesting facts about this young prince and his folks

sea or land. The result is that he is building a modest mansion for the future Mrs. Prince Wilhelm. That is merely an immediate result. This forthcoming union may be big with political possibilities. **Left Waiting at the Church.** To understand the political importance of the Swedish prince's engagement to the Russian grand duchess it is necessary to take a little excursion into history, though by no means into ancient history. About 120 years ago, when Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte, private soldier of France, was climbing out of the ranks on his first step toward the throne of Sweden and Norway, the Empress Catherine of Russia arranged a marriage between one of her nieces and a son of the king of Sweden. At the eleventh hour the Swedish prince balked. He failed to make his appearance to claim his bride. She was left, literally, waiting at the church, with the great Catherine in a mighty miff thereat. This insult was responsible for the placing of the Bernadottes upon the Swedish throne. The quarrel resulted in war, which took Finland from Sweden and added



PRINCE WILHELM OF SWEDEN AND THE GRAND DUCHESS MARIA PAVLOVNA, HIS FIANCEE.

The present royal house of Sweden occupies a unique place among European monarchical families. That is chiefly because it hasn't been royal very long.

### The Sailor Prince.

Prince Wilhelm is the second son of the crown prince of Sweden. He is known as the sailor prince, having taken up the naval profession. The real object of his coming to America has nothing to do with Newport. His grandfather, King Oscar, has sent him over in response to an invitation from President Roosevelt, who desired a Swedish representative to visit the Jamestown Tercentennial exposition. Charles W. Kohlsaat, European commissioner for the exposition, presented the invitation at the Swedish court. As a war vessel also was desired for display in Hampton Roads, opposite the exposition, the king appropriately assigned the sailor prince, who is a lieutenant on the Swedish cruiser Fygia, a fine new vessel which has been rushed to completion so that it might arrive in time to take part in the festivities of Swedish week at the exposition, beginning Aug. 19 and continuing to Aug. 24.

### In Love With a Princess.

In his own right Prince Wilhelm is quite an interesting young fellow. He is in love, and with a very pretty princess. The further fact that this princess, whose title is grand duchess and whose name is Maria Pavlovna, is a first cousin of the czar of Russia adds largely to the interest of the outside world in this romance. Only two months ago Prince Wilhelm surprised his fellow Swedes and everybody else by announcing his betrothal to the fair young Grand Duchess Maria. It seems that the young prince accompanied his mother on a visit to the latter's relatives at Karlsruhe and took occasion to continue along to Moscow and St. Petersburg. On this trip he met the beautiful seventeen-year-old daughter of the Grand Duke Paul, and the sailor prince saw a light that never was on

it to Russia, the Swedish king being driven into exile with his immediate family. His aged uncle succeeded him. The new king was childless and feeble.

Born in France in 1764, J. B. J. Bernadotte was the son of a humble country lawyer or notary. At seventeen he entered the army, serving in the ranks for nine years, when he was made a subaltern. After that his rise was rapid. Events accumulated. The revolution, the reign of terror, the directory, the consulate and the empire rapidly followed. Bernadotte proved to be a soldier of great qualities. He was war minister at thirty-five, and Napoleon made him a marshal. Napoleon, it is believed, always rather disliked Bernadotte. But the man fought valiantly and well, so the emperor could not withhold rewards. He made Bernadotte prince of Ponte-Corvo. Napoleon found it easy to create kings and princes out of common humanity, but the only one thus created who founded what seems to be a permanent dynasty was his marshal Bernadotte, whom he did not like.

### A Soft Snap.

To the Prince of Ponte-Corvo, otherwise the son of the country notary, was offered the dignity of standing as crown prince of Sweden. Bernadotte accepted the job with alacrity. It looked like a soft snap, and, in fact, it was. Not that Bernadotte desired an easy berth, for he was an energetic and tireless worker, but if he could get into a throne by simply walking up the steps rather than wading to it in blood it was desirable. The decrepit old king died in 1818. Bernadotte became king of Sweden under the title of Charles XIV. He had changed his name and his religion, becoming a Protestant, to be eligible to the crown princship. Either of those things was easy for a Frenchman in those days. But before Bernadotte became king he led a Swedish army, with other European allies, against his old commander, Napoleon, and at Leipzig rendered distinguished service, fighting against regiments which had been in his old command when he was a marshal of France. Bernadotte, or Charles XIV, annexed Norway to Sweden, making a dual monarchy until two years ago, when Norway broke up the arrangement and set up house-keeping for herself, getting for king a prince who had to

### A QUEER ISLAND.

**No Bottom Found in Any of the Wells Bored in Curacao.** Curacao is one of the queerest little islands in the Caribbean sea. It lies sixty miles north of Venezuela, is about sixty miles long and twelve or fourteen miles wide, and it has a population of more than 50,000. There is no means of procuring fresh water on the island except by saving rainwater in reservoirs. A number of wells have been bored under the supervision of the Dutch government, to which it belongs, but each ended in a failure. A curious statement regarding these borings is made by the inhabitants of the island. They saw that in each and every case after a certain depth was reached the tools dropped out of sight, indicating that there is no solid foundation to the island. The borings were made in low places and through hills and in about thirty different places, each with the same ultimate result. A few wells have been dug to a lesser depth and brackish, unpleasant tasting water is obtained, fit only for manufacturing purposes. The approach of the rainy season is always an interesting time. The water in the reservoir is low at this time, and the natives eagerly await the opportunity to gather a fresh supply. Clothing is never washed there in fresh water, but at all hours of the day the beach is alive with women beating the clothes with clubs on the rocks.—Buffalo News.

### INOPPORTUNE DEATHS.

**Men Who Had They Lived, Might Have Changed History.** Julius Caesar was assassinated when he had almost completed the task of consolidating the administration and dominion of the Roman empire, and his death opened the way to that despotism and corruption which ultimately undid his work. Henry of Navarre was killed when he had almost healed the differences between Catholic and Protestant which subsequently rent not only France, but Europe, and William the Silent also fell when he was on the point of uniting the Netherland provinces into a compact barrier against the encroachments of Spain. In English history Lord Clive died at the moment when he was the one man who could have saved the American colonies and kept the Anglo-Saxon race united. But there is the case of Mirabeau. He was literally the one man in France who could have averted the horrors of the revolution, saved and reformed the monarchy and so spared Europe the murderous career of Napoleon and all the devastation it brought. If he had lived ten or even five years longer, the history not only of France, but of Europe and the world, would have been different. It is, in fact, sufficient to say that he would have made both Robespierre and Napoleon impossible.—Strand Magazine.

### Gay and Pretty Princess.

Prince Wilhelm, it is said, is an affable young man, fond of tennis and other outdoor sports. His age is twenty-three. The girl whom he is to marry is unusually beautiful for a princess. It is a well known fact that the average woman of royal blood is ugly enough to cause the collapse of a scarecrow in a Kansas cornfield. But this little Princess Maria has had unusual advantages. Her mother died when Maria was an infant. The father then married a woman not connected with royalty. This brought about his expulsion from Russia. Maria was educated in England and France. Her culture is said to be decidedly more English than Russian. Recently her father, the Grand Duke Paul, was permitted to return to Russia. Maria Pavlovna, say the gossips, is a very gay and light hearted girl. Probably she is a great deal more so than if she had been reared in Russia. In any event her marriage to the Swedish prince and her consequent departure from stricken and struggling Russia to a secure haven in the new house near Stockholm, now building, should be a good thing for the pretty princess, whatever may be the influence of the marriage upon the political relations of the two nations. In view of all these facts, all of us are constrained to hope that the prince will get away from Newport without any permanent injury to his digestion.

### Make Good Citizens.

The prince's coming is of intimate interest to several millions of Americans who never saw Newport. These are the Americans of Swedish nativity or blood. There are so many of them that practically whole states in our middle northwest are permeated with them. Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, a man of Swedish blood, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency. Both houses of congress have had in their membership Swedes of high ability. The Swede is a considerable factor in American industry. In agriculture particularly he is a highly useful citizen. He is thrifty, industrious and scientific. He knows how to farm, and he can make cheese fit to tempt the palate of King Oscar. As a practical dairyman the Swede is unsurpassed. He has developed vast districts in several of our states. Some of the towns are so Swedish that you can tell it by the voices of the people at the postoffice. It requires a generation or two to eliminate the linguistic brogue, but only a brief acquaintance with local conditions is required to make the Swede a good American citizen. No immigrants are more desirable than those from the land ruled by descendants of Bernadotte. Though the expatriated Swede loves America, he still loves the land of his birth, and his children born here share in some measure the affection for the parent's fatherland. They are thorough Americans, both the immigrant and his children, and would rather have one president than a dozen kings and princes. Nevertheless, the Bernadottes have ruled Sweden with a light and tender hand, they have worked to develop and advance the country, and there is a kindly feeling for the venerable King Oscar and his son and grandsons. That explains in part the fact that for many weeks past the Swedish folk have been laying aside money to visit the Jamestown exposition during the week beginning Aug. 19 to see Prince Wilhelm, a Swedish war vessel and a considerable group of King Oscar's naval officers and other official representatives. Programmed strongly of the fatherland were prepared for the week, and our Swedish fellow citizens might take a cue from New England and call it old home week. The prince is a democratic fellow, and he wouldn't object,

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, LEWISTOWN, MONT., Aug. 21, 1907. Notice is hereby given that CLARK V. CLARK, of Fort Benton, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 5389, made April 8, 1907, for lots 7 and 8, section 21, and lots 2, 3 and 5, section 22, township 25 north, range 13 east, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Thursday, October 10, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George E. Barkley and George W. Allen, of Fort Benton, Montana; John Murray and John Murray, of Big Sandy, Montana. C. E. McROIN, Register.

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### Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., August 3, 1907. Notice is hereby given that DOROTHY M. LEISH, of Fort Benton, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert land claim No. 1197, for lot 3, and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 20, township 23 north, range 3 east, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on Saturday, the 14th day of September, 1907. She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Adam Johnstone, David Gilbert, Charles Smith and Benjamin H. Mandeville, all of Fort Benton, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

### Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., August 9, 1907. Notice is hereby given that JOSEPH WOOD, of Fort Benton, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 13,355, made May 2, 1902, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 24, township 25 north, range 4 east, and that said proof will be made before Jeremiah Sullivan, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on Saturday, September 14, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William F. Wood, John Stocking, David M. Gilbert and Robert Thomson, all of Fort Benton, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

### Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., August 9, 1907. Notice is hereby given that the following named entrymen have filed notices of their intention to make final five-year proof under their homestead entries, as described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1907, viz: BENJAMIN H. MANDEVILLE, of Steele, Montana, who made homestead application No. 11,308, Helena series, made June 20, 1902, for the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/4 NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 NW 1/4, township 20 north, range 10 east. They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: John Postill, John Postill, Frank Morger, William Cecil and Isaac Postill, all of Fort Benton, Montana; Benjamin H. Mandeville, of Steele, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

### Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., August 9, 1907. Notice is hereby given that the following named entrymen have filed notices of their intention to make final proof under their entries, as described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on Wednesday, the 18th day of September, 1907, viz: CASSIUS A. JOHNSON, of Fort Benton, Montana, who made desert land entry No. 1451, for the W 1/2 SW 1/4 section 11, and E 1/2 SW 1/4 section 10, township 23 north, range 7 east, and HARRY D. RICE, of Fort Benton, Montana, who made desert land entry No. 1267, for the SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4,