

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Interesting Notes From Across the Ocean.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FATHERLAND.

Principal Events that Have Occurred in the Old Countries About the North Sea Within a Week or So Just Past.

SWEDEN.

Much has been said and written about the new oath which the Russian government will exact from the soldiers of Finland in the future. Instead of comments on it, the document itself is given below in full: "I, the undersigned, promise and swear by the Almighty God, before his sacred gospel, that I will and shall faithfully and fearlessly serve his imperial majesty, my real and born, most gracious and exalted ruler, Emperor Nikolai Alexandrovitch, the autocrat of all the Russias, and his majesty's heir apparent to the throne of all the Russias, without sparing my life, to my last drop of blood, and, to the utmost of my understanding, strength and capability, defend all the rights and privileges which pertain to his majesty's dominion, strength and power, whether they are formulated or shall be formulated in the future. Against the enemies of his majesty's empire and countries I will make a valorous and powerful resistance, with life and blood, in field and fort, by land and water, in battles, skirmishes, sieges and storms, and in other forms of war make a valorous and powerful resistance and in every way endeavor to advance what may pertain to the faithful service of his majesty and the welfare of the empire in special cases. Whatever may be detrimental, disadvantageous or injurious to his majesty's interests I will not only report in good time as soon as I am apprised of it, but I will also endeavor to guard against it and prevent it; faithfully keep all secrets confided to me; practice due obedience to my superiors in everything touching the good and the service of the empire; and conscientiously perform everything and not act contrary to my duty and oath for the sake of personal gain, relationships, friendships or hostility; never leave the command or banner to which I belong, be it in the field, in commission or in garrison, but follow them as long as I live, and in every respect behave and act like an honest, faithful, obedient, brave and efficient officer or soldier. So help me, the Lord, God Almighty. In confirmation of this oath I kiss my Savior's word and cross. Amen."

Ingolf Fallsted, the Swedish sculptor, whose model for a statue of John Ericsson, the Swedish-American engineer and inventor, had just been completed and accepted by the city of Gothenburg, committed suicide in Copenhagen by hanging. Mental depression had followed a long illness, which had seriously delayed the execution of this important commission.

King Oscar, upon returning from an extended tour through Southern Europe, found his capital in gala dress and in spirits to give him an enthusiastic reception. A great throng awaited his majesty at the Southern railway station and thousands were gathered along his route to the island of Staden. The king had a good color and is said to be in the best of health. The riksdag has voted \$20,000 to cover the losses caused by the embezzlement of Consul Woxen of New York. The postoffice department left a surplus of \$250,000 for the year 1898.

The demonstration on labor day, May first, in Malmo, was the greatest in the history of the city. About fifty societies participated in the procession, and music was furnished by sixteen music bands.

The Spitzbergen Geodetic Survey expedition will stop at Copenhagen, Bergen, Trondhjem and Troms on its way to the Arctic waters. The following gentlemen intend to spend the winter in Spitzbergen: Jaderin, Vestman, Rubin, Fraenkel and Jorgersrud.

NORWAY.

The Danish Politiken, in a recent editorial, took pains to ridicule the idea of a war between Sweden and Norway. The armies of the two countries are represented as meeting on a sunlit mountain slope. As soon as they come close enough to recognize each other they become so happy to meet again that they involuntarily burst out singing, not their own songs, but "Ja, vi elsker" in the Swedish army, and "Ur Svenska hjertans djup" in the Norwegian army. The close of this thoroughly Danish editorial reads thus: "At double-quick the Swedes and the Norwegians rush in each other's arms, just as it happened the other day when a little band of daring Swedish students crossed the Norwegian boundary line and forced their way to the very capital of Norway. No, sir, the last generations of the North have formed too many fraternal combinations and imbibed too much good and poor wine together and said too many disrespectful things about each other's governments and politics and generals—have, upon the whole, learnt to appreciate so keenly whatever is comical that they could not be induced to give each other a thumping. Therefore, the Swedish-Norwegian war is nothing but the impotent dream of rooster chicks."

Mrs. Karoline Jensen has donated \$13,500 to the academy of sciences of Trondhjem. The whole amount is to be expended for the purchase of books for the library which already contains about 80,000 volumes.

Rev. Kobro, of Lillesand, is in the habit of making his sermons so long and dry that part of the audience go to sleep and part leave the church before he gets through.

The ecclesiastical department was expected to instruct the clergy of Norway to preach on the 17th of May.

For several years past the cities of Kristiania and Bergen have had one marine school ship each. The next city to have such a ship is Trondhjem, and public spirited citizens of Stavanger have commenced to agitate for one to be used in connection with the public school of their city.

A home for vagrant children will be established at Rostad, Indoeen, where property has been bought for \$8,500. Similar homes will also be opened at Os and Eidanger.

The painters' strike in Kristiansand is settled, the employers carrying their points.

Hammerfest, April 27.—Snow has been falling until the last few days, and it is from 6 to 8 feet deep along the streets. The polar ice extends about 80 (English) miles out from the shore, and the prospects of spring are far from bright.

The only cement factory in Norway is located at Flenestad, on the Kristiania fjord; but German capitalists have decided to establish new ones in Mjondalen, near Drammen, and in Lanzo, in the Holmestrand fjord.

A single firm of ship owners in Drammen has just bought steamers for \$275,000 in foreign countries.

Arbeideren warns against moving to town in a language which cannot well be misunderstood: "Do not move to town, for here we have soot and smoke and bad air and poor food and narrow rooms, large expenses, great temptations and dangers and all kinds of snares and pitfalls of vice. And you will be transformed into a whirling pool, a uniformed nothing, a dead number—a cipher in the big money-bag, the button, knife, rattle and rag factory. Come not, we tell you, except you happen to have the lungs of a whale, the nerves of a horse, the muscles of a mosquito, the brain of a monkey and the conscience of a louse."

One of the characteristics of the Old Norse saga style is short, plain, clear-cut sentences, and this merit is shared by the modern Norwegian writers of any consequence. For that reason it must be rather galling to the editor of Aftenposten, the leading conservative daily in Norway, to have his colleagues point to one of his editorials containing two sentences, each of which consisted of thirty lines. Immanuel Kant, the German philosopher, and not Snorgi Sturluson, the king of Old Norse, must be the ideal of the editor of Aftenposten.

A number of citizens of Kristiania have organized a society for the advancement of agricultural pursuits in Finnmarken. The first aim of the new society will be to induce experienced farmers from southern Norway to emigrate to the extreme north and teach the people up that way to raise better crops. Barley and oats grow to perfection 150 miles north of the polar circle, and hundreds of acres of tillable ground has never been touched by spade or plow.

The deficit of the Norwegian Mission society for 1898 was \$28,000.

At Tonsberg a child which was baptized about a month ago had as sponsors two grandparents and four great-grandparents.

A contractor offered to build a telegraph line through Kvikne for \$1,125. No, the government was to build it, and now it is found that the work cost \$10,000.

The Y. M. C. A. of Trondhjem will dedicate its new hall and celebrate its 35 years' jubilee August next. Prince Bernadotte is expected to be present.

Parties in Roros have bought 300 reindeer in the north and taken them to the former place, where they will be kept in the mountains as a business venture.

The average catch of codfish is 48,000,000, but the catch for the past season was only 26,000,000.

DENMARK.

Conny Zilliacus, a Finnish author, lectured before the Danish students' society on the History of Finland since February 15, 1899. He made a very profound impression, and the following resolution was passed without a dissenting vote: "The Students' Society of Copenhagen sends Finland greetings. As sons and daughters of a small nation we can sympathize with the tireless efforts made by another small nation in the interest of advancement of civilization. As children of a nation which is familiar with the fate of having neighbors of superabounding force, we have learned to blend our sentiments with those of a nation putting national independence above everything else. As men of liberty and progress we can appreciate how the rights of a struggling people are the bulwark of its most precious treasure."

King Christian IX. is the great grandfather of seventeen princes and princesses. Who can beat that record?

A great lockout took place the first days of May. It involved about 4,000 carpenters who have been thrown out of work for an indefinite period. The movement originated in Jylland, where where the carpenters in seven factories quit work after an unsuccessful attempt to have their wages raised. The employers answered by threatening a general lockout, and though the labor unions attempted to prevent such a calamitous consummation of the conflict, the employers showed no token of weakening.

"A whirlwind of madness" has struck Copenhagen, says a well-informed daily. And it is all on account of the opening of a new "automatic restaurant." Everybody wants to "press the button" and get a lunch for 27-10 cents (10 ore). Expressed in a more business-like manner, the automatic restaurant is a financial success from the very moment that it was opened.

In the course of a few months the Atlas refrigerator company has sold about a score of machines for making ice in foreign countries.

The buildings of the new sanitarium for consumptives at the Velle fjord will be finished next fall. The state contributed \$25,000 to this institution.

MINNESOTA NEWS.

Decides Against the State.

The secretary of the interior has decided a claim of Minnesota to sections 16 and 36 on ceded Indian reservations. The contention of the state through the state auditor and through the written statements from Senators Davis and Nelson was that sections 16 and 36 were never intended as part of the Indian reservations in Minnesota; that by virtue of constitutional provisions the state is entitled to these sections for school land purposes.

Secretary Hitchcock holds that under existing treaties with the Indians and under the congressional enactment of 1863 the United States is under obligation to the Indians who relinquished these and other lands of the reservation under the terms of the Nelson act. It is further claimed by the department that at the time the treaty was first made the lands were unsurveyed and that the state could have no legal claim to them; also that there are precedents showing that the government is bound to keep inviolate its stipulations under their provisions of treaties with the Indians.

This decision will not settle the controversy. A test case is now being prepared and will be brought in the courts.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Warm weather till the 11th, and very cold since then, with frost on the morning of the 13th, the full effect of which was probably much modified by the high wind. Notwithstanding the fact that thin ice was formed in sheltered spots, it is thought that there has been little injury. The apples and plums are in full bloom, and some correspondents fear they may be seriously affected, but it is generally accepted that the fruit germ in an open and dry blossom will survive quite low temperatures. There were rains in nearly all parts of the state on the 9th, and showers on following days, but the rains were all local in character. The heaviest rains were in parts of the Red River valley. Snow flurries occurred in northern counties on the 12th. The soil of the Red River valley continues to be very wet, and although there were from two to four days' seeding last week, large areas will remain unseeded to wheat, so that the acreage of spring wheat will be much reduced. Pastures are yielding sufficient grass to support cattle. All the early sown small grains have a good stand, and they are stooling; they look well.

Many Applications.

The request for loans made of the state board of investment at its recent meeting aggregated \$150,000. This includes the counties which desire to bond their floating indebtedness, as well as municipalities and villages after loans for permanent improvements such as electric lighting plants, water works, schoolhouses, etc. The sale of school lands has brought the balance on hand in this fund to nearly half a million.

The board includes in its membership the governor, the state treasurer, the chief justice of the supreme court, the state auditor and the president of the board of regents of the university. It is given entire responsibility for the management of the permanent school fund.

Buys a Railroad.

The main line of the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific, running from Red Wing to Mankato, has been brought under the control of the Chicago Great Western.

President A. B. Stickney, of the Great Western, and a few associated capitalists have just completed negotiations for the purchase of the property, and will take possession June 1.

The road was owned by Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific interests, and is operated at present as part of the Minneapolis & St. Louis line.

The main line is 93.7 miles long, and is considered a valuable property on account of its large local business, especially in dairy- and agricultural products.

Marry in Minnesota.

Wisconsin young people now come to Minnesota to get married. Bert Jones and Miss Maggie Koonsheen, both of Jackson county, Wis., were married by Judge Buck at the court house at Winona, being the first Wisconsin couple to come to be spliced. The groom stated that they came to Winona because they did not care to wait the five days now required in Wisconsin after taking out a marriage license.

News in Brief.

Hon. W. H. Yale, a former lieutenant governor of this state, and a present one of the representatives from Winona county, has made a common law assignment, without preference and without asking for any relief or discharge. The liabilities are placed at \$40,000 and the assets at \$36,000.

Bernard Mattson, age 15, was driving a team attached to a sweeper that was operating a grubbing machine, near Harmony. The team became detached from the sweep. The latter flew back, striking the boy in the stomach, injuring him so severely that he died.

Frank J. Hazlett, aged 12 years, was drowned in the Mississippi at Minneapolis. He was playing on the logs and fell in.

Burglars took \$30 from Wesley Carter's house at St. Cloud. The Redwood Falls roller mills are now being remodeled and the capacity increased from 75 to 150 barrels of flour daily.

Mrs. Henry Atlas, of St. Paul, was frightfully burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The board of directors of the Lutheran orphan's home at Vasa, have awarded the contract for rebuilding the home, which was destroyed last January by fire, to C. L. Lindon, of Red Wing, for \$4,328.

A non-union motorman at Duluth was fired at, the bullet passing through the car windows a few inches from his head.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending May 14.

Newport will cease to be one of the capitals of Rhode Island June 2.

It is announced that China will resist further aggression by the powers.

The Standard bank in Bowmanville, Ont., was robbed of \$11,000 by burglars.

The Connecticut legislature defeated a measure providing for woman suffrage.

Kenoyer's bank at Leon, Kan., was visited by burglars, who secured about \$2,000.

The corner stone of Iowa's new \$300,000 historical building was laid in Des Moines.

All the troops that were encamped near Savannah, Ga., have been mustered out of service.

J. L. Hamilton, a painter, killed his wife in Santa Maria, Cal., and then killed himself.

At St. Edward de Frampton, Que., three children of Arthur Leclere were burned to death.

Marion Brown was hanged at London, Ont., for the murder of Policeman Michael Twohey.

Hartford and other places along the Connecticut river experienced severe earthquake shocks.

Queen Victoria assisted in laying the corner stone in London of the Victoria and Albert museum.

British soldiers and warships have taken formal possession of Kow-Loon, opposite Hong-Kong.

Peter Hegelman won the 72-hour gas-you-please walking match in New York, covering 407 miles.

Alfred Harmsworth, proprietor of the Daily Mail in London, has suspended the publication of the Sunday edition.

It is reported from Diarbekr, Asiatic Turkey, that outrages upon Armenian Christians in that vilayet have begun again.

President McKinley has decided, if possible, to be in the west when the volunteer troops return from the Philippines.

John Wilmot, a retired capitalist, died in New York, and his brother Samuel died at exactly the same hour in New Castle, Can.

The one hundred and eleventh annual assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States began its session in Minneapolis.

The transport Centennial sailed from San Francisco for the Philippines with a large cargo of commissary and quartermaster supplies.

In an anti-Christian uprising in the Yencheng district of Ichowfu, China, four Catholic priests were murdered and 18 chapels wrecked.

The American cable steamer Hooker participated at Gibraltar in firing salutes in honor of the thirteenth birthday of the king of Spain.

An address to the populists of the country has been issued by the national organization committee of the people's party denouncing fusion.

The New York council adopted a resolution asking the board of estimate to appropriate \$150,000 to pay for the welcome to Admiral Dewey.

In a riot between prohibitionists and the liquor elements at Alva, O. T., Rev. Alexander Ross and Gene Hardwick, a saloon keeper, were fatally shot.

At the encampment in Danville John B. Inman, of Springfield, was elected department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Illinois.

Killed by Lightning.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 17.—During a severe electrical storm early Tuesday morning the house of Julius Bundt at Augusta was struck by lightning. The bolt went down the chimney, shattering the stove and killing Bundt, who was lying in bed with his infant son. The boy escaped. A barn on the farm of Charles Hoover, near Mondovi, was also struck and nine horses were killed. The house of Charles McKey in this city was struck and partially destroyed.

Convention is Called.

Des Moines, Ia., May 16.—Gen. J. E. Weaver, acting chairman of the people's party for Iowa, has issued the call for the state convention in Des Moines August 16, the same day as the democratic state convention. He says the imperialism of wealth has at last brought us to the imperialism of the sword. An effort will be made to again fuse with the democratic party.

THE MARKETS.

New York, May 18.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers.....	\$4 65 @ 5 25
Hogs.....	4 20 @ 4 30
Sheep.....	5 20 @ 5 35
FLOUR—Wheat Strains.....	2 50 @ 3 00
Minnesota Patents.....	3 50 @ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	82 @ 82 1/2
May.....	77 1/2 @ 78 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	41 @ 41 1/2
May.....	39 @ 39 1/2
OATS—No. 3 White.....	33 1/2 @ 33 3/4
BUTTER—Creamery.....	67 1/2 @ 68
Factory.....	31 1/2 @ 32
CHEESE.....	3 1/2 @ 3 1/4
EGGS.....	1 1/4 @ 1 1/4
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers.....	\$4 00 @ 5 65
Texas.....	3 70 @ 4 30
Butchers.....	4 00 @ 4 30
Feeders.....	3 80 @ 5 00
Bulls.....	2 70 @ 4 20
HOGS—Light.....	2 65 @ 3 85
Rough Packing.....	3 50 @ 3 65
SHEEP.....	3 75 @ 5 50
BUTTER—Creameries.....	13 1/2 @ 13 1/2
Dairies.....	12 @ 16
EGGS.....	11 @ 11 1/2
POTATOES—(per bu.).....	28 @ 35
PORK—July.....	8 15 @ 8 40
LARD—July.....	5 07 1/2 @ 5 12 1/2
RIBS—July.....	4 70 @ 4 72 1/2
GRAIN—Wheat, July.....	67 1/2 @ 68
Corn, July.....	33 1/2 @ 33 3/4
Oats, July.....	23 1/2 @ 24
Rye, May.....	67 1/2 @ 68
Barley, Screenings.....	25 @ 27
MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, Northern.....	72 @ 74
Oats.....	29 @ 30
Rye, No. 1.....	60 1/2 @ 60 1/2
Barley, No. 2.....	41 @ 41 1/2
KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, July.....	65 1/2 @ 66 1/2
Corn, July.....	30 @ 30 1/2
Oats, No. 2 White.....	28 1/2 @ 29
Rye, No. 2.....	53 1/2 @ 55 1/2
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	\$4 50 @ 5 25
Texas Steers.....	3 30 @ 4 55
HOGS—Packers.....	2 70 @ 3 85
Butchers.....	3 85 @ 3 95
SHEEP—Native Muttons.....	4 75 @ 5 15
OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	\$4 25 @ 5 25
Cows and Heifers.....	3 75 @ 4 60
Stockers and Feeders.....	4 00 @ 5 15
HOGS.....	60 @ 3 62 1/2
SHEEP—Western Muttons.....	4 75 @ 5 40



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Helped by a Tip.

"I don't see how it happens that you get the start of your business rivals so often," said the man to the prosperous undertaker. "Why, you must have nearly double the trade of any of the others."

"Guess I do," said the man of caskets, frankly, "guess I do. Of course, mum is the word, but the fact is, Dr. Cutter always gives me the tip when he's going to dig for appendicitis—and I'm invariably the first man to apply for the job!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Size is no criterion of strength. A small onion may be stronger than a big squash.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Sometimes you hear of a perfect man. He is the fellow your wife could have married.—Town Topics.

I have found Piso's Cure for Consumption an unfailing medicine.—F. R. Loiz, 1305 Scott St., Covington, Ky., Oct. 1, 1894.

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How to Get Rich.—"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "wouldn't hab no trouble 'all 'bout gettin' rich ef dey heid on as tight to de money dey earns as dey does to de money dey borrows."—Washington Star.

"It takes a thief to catch a thief," and an honest man finds more good men in the world than a rascal would ever guess were there.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

It's a fowl trick for nature to make a pigeon-toed, duck-legged man chicken-hearted.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

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