

GOSSIP FROM SKANDINAVIA

FINLAND.

Dr. Kloppsch, who was at the head of the Christian Herald relief expedition to Finland, writes from Haparanda, Sweden: "Notwithstanding official claims that the situation is well in hand, the famine throughout Finland is gradually increasing in intensity and extent. Present conditions fully corroborate all previously published accounts. Even as far south as the sixty-second degree, at Idensalmi, the most appalling conditions prevail. Hundreds of children are begging bread from house to house. Scarlet fever and measles are epidemic. Eight hundred deaths have occurred in the district. A single church parish reports that 5,000 are absolutely destitute, and have been subsisting solely on 'hunger-bread' since October. Meat, milk and potatoes are utterly lacking throughout the whole famine area. Thousands are barefooted and clothed in rags, while the ground is covered by deep snow. The suffering and want are beyond description. In the Kajani and Uleaborg districts the conditions are worst of all. At least 100,000 Finlanders are wholly dependent on relief at the present moment. Half the cattle are dead and the reports of human deaths by starvation are persistent. The American contributions, exceeding \$125,000, have unquestionably averted a large mortality. The worst will come in April and May, when the spring thaws will render many of the sufferers inaccessible, even by snowshoes. Finlander gratitude for American help is universal.

A dispatch from Stockholm says that the czar on March 26 signed a decree investing Governor General Bobrikoff with dictatorial powers in Finland and declaring him to be the supreme power among all the Finnish authorities. Governor General Bobrikoff already has begun the exercise of his authority by ordering the arrest and trial of a number of men who have evaded conscription.

SWEDEN.

A German capitalist is working the Malby mines in Vaddo on a large scale. But as the people in that locality do not seem to enjoy mining, laborers have been procured from other quarters, including about forty Italians.

The work of translating the Bible is so far advanced that the Old Testament will be accessible to the public in June. A revised edition of the gospels will be presented to the church council next fall as a sample of the new version of the New Testament.

Baron R. von Kramer's magnificent castle at Flens station, named Stenhammer, has been donated to Prince Wilhelm. The building is located between two lakes and is surrounded by a fine park.

Only a few men were at work on the fortifications at Boden during the cold season, but the work will be resumed in all the different branches as soon as mild weather sets in.

As many as five tombs built of stone slabs and nve of brick have been found at Ugglebo, Lund. They date from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and mark the location of a churchyard. This find throws light on the subject of the time when brick was first used in the Scandinavian countries.

As Erik Olsson of Mamre, Jarfsjo, approached his home with a load of fence rails he was met by his six-year-old daughter, Anna, who tried to jump upon the load. In doing this she slipped and fell under the runners. When her father, assisted by another man, had removed the sled from her body the spark of life had already fled from the unfortunate child.

Sweden pawned the city of Wismar one hundred years ago in order to raise \$1,350,000, which the king of Sweden received from the Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. According to the contract Sweden was to release the pawn within one hundred years from June 26th, 1803. But Sweden does not think of recovering a city which by this time is completely Germanized and which could not be released for less than \$26,000,000. In order to get rid of the matter in a polite manner, however, the cabinet has formally requested the riksdag to pass a resolution to the effect that Sweden will voluntarily relinquish all rights to the city of Wismar and the counties of Poel and Neukloster.

A storm did great damage to the main building of the tourist hotel at Bindalen, Jemtland, some of the beams of the house being thrown a distance of 200 feet.

The cabinet proposed an appropriation of a bill of a little over \$80,000 for a hall for gymnastic exercises at the university of Upsala, but the riksdag rejected the proposition.

The attorneys of Ostersund have invited the attorneys of Trondhjem to a meeting at Osterund, June 25-26.

King Oscar said to the Turkish minister in Stockholm: "I am one of those who admire the excellent qualities of the sultan. The reforms which are to be introduced in Macedonia are of the greatest benefit to the people, and I am convinced that they will bear fruit in a short time." The king also praised the Turkish soldiers.

In view of a possible mobilization the government has sent circular letter to all the railway stations in the country to ascertain how many stations have enough telegraph operators to keep up the service uninterruptedly for at least 36 hours.

Forty-two employes at the vinegar factory at Perstorp, Skane, were discharged because they declined to withdraw from their labor organization.

About 90 women in Upsala have organized themselves into a woman's suffrage society.

A yellow sparrow's nest was found at Hedenfors, Norrland, in the middle of March. There were young ones in it which were almost ready to fly. The eggs must have been laid in February.

The waterfalls committee recommends that the state rent out waterfalls to private parties only for limited periods of time.

DENMARK.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany has paid his much discussed visit to King Christian of Denmark. Kaiser Wilhelm was appointed an admiral of the Danish navy, and Kaiser Wilhelm made Prince Valdermar an admiral a la suite of the German navy. At the court dinner given in honor of his imperial guest, King Christian cordially toasted the Kaiser in a speech in which he expressed the heartiest and warmest thanks for the visit which, he said, was a fresh proof of the Kaiser's gracious and friendly feeling. His majesty trusted that the visit would still further promote the cordial relations between the two na-

tions. The Kaiser, in a characteristic reply, begged the king to accept his warmest thanks for the "gracious permission to visit you," and thanked him "from the heart of an upright and true seaman" for the high honor conferred upon him of admiral in the Danish fleet, which had written its history on the tablets of the world's records. His majesty expressed gratification at his reception by King Christian and the whole Danish people.

The number of votes cast at the last city election in Copenhagen was 44,765, which is an increase of 520 since last year.

Prof. Hans Sophus Sorensen, clergyman and president of a seminary at Jelling, has been appointed bishop of Lolland-Falster.

Two prominent Danes who have been investigating the conditions prevailing in the Danish West Indies fail to suggest any definite plans for bettering the condition of the islanders.

King Christian was in fine health when he celebrated his 85th birthday, April 8. U. S. Minister Swenson extended to him the good wishes of President Roosevelt and the American people, and he returned greetings to the president. The king made a speech from the balcony of the palace.

Kaiser Wilhelm, upon returning to Kiel from his visit to the Danish court, sent the following characteristic telegram to King Christian: "My heart prompts me to once again express my warmest thanks for the never-to-be-forgotten happy days I have been permitted to spend with you in the circle of all your dear ones. From the day of the splendid reception which you and the inhabitants of your beautiful capital prepared for me until the last moment, when I had to bid you farewell, my visit afforded me unaltered pleasure. Accept my special thanks for having received me in your family circle and rest assured I shall henceforth regard myself as a son of the house. I pray to God that he will make your approaching birthday a day of joy both to you and your house and your people, and that I may long preserve you in unimpaired health. Wilhelm."

A new Catholic church with a school has just been dedicated in Amager, Copenhagen. There are 10,000 Catholics in Denmark, and their numbers are increasing at the rate of about 300 a year.

NORWAY.

Danish capitalists have been permitted to build a packing house in

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LESSON IN AMERICAN HISTORY IN PUZZLE



THE KANE EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF FRANKLIN.
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Sir John Franklin left England in 1845 with an expedition in search of the north pole. For a number of years the expedition was unheard of and its fate unknown. Two expeditions sailed from the United States in search of the explorers, the second of these being the Grinnell expedition, under the direction of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, which sailed on May 31, 1853. After it had been absent two winters fear was entertained for its safety, and a relief expedition was sent after it. The explorers were found at a Danish settlement on the coast of Greenland, which they had reached after traveling in open boats for over 1,300 miles, after their ship had become frozen in by the ice. No news was brought back by them of the fate of Franklin and his party.

Kristiania at a cost of at least one million dollars.

The Sovereign is the largest passenger steamer in Norway. It is owned by the Ostlandske Lloyd and may accommodate 400 passengers.

The widow of Prof. Petersen of Kristiania has donated \$27,000 to the university in the form of a fund for the encouragement of young scholars. In exceptional cases Swedish and Danish scholars may receive aid from the fund.

The students of the university of Lund, Sweden, in their congratulations to Henrik Ibsen on his 75th birthday, designated him as "Scandinavia's greatest poet."

Bjornson's "At Storhove" was presented at the Deutsche Theater in Berlin last week. The public and the critics agree that it is no good.

Minister of War Stang is expected to step out of the cabinet in a few months.

The socialists of Stavanger have resolved to enter the next campaign as a distinct political party. A landslide carried away 150 feet of

the Voss railroad and broke off one end of the house in which a watchman was living with his family.

A whaling vessel left Hammerfest for the Arctic ocean as early as March 22.

Norwegian-Norwegian was introduced in the public school at Egge, near Trondhjem, a few years ago. The people have already become tired of it, and ask for the Norwegian-Danish language in its place.

The zoological collections from Captain Sverdrup's North Pole expedition comprise several thousand specimens.

Henrik Ibsen was not well enough to receive callers on his 75th birthday. "Kaiser and Galilean," one of his plays, was presented at the National Theater in honor of the poet. Every seat was occupied.

Forest and Prairie Fire Warning.

OFFICE OF STATE FOREST COMMISSIONER.
 ST. PAUL, MINN., April 9, 1902.
 Chapter 196 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1898 (Act of April 18) constitutes Supervisors of towns, Mayors of cities and residents of village councils Fire Wardens, and it is made their duty to take precautions to prevent forest and prairie fires and, if they occur, to extinguish or control them; and in emergencies to call up on any able-bodied male person, over eighteen years of age, to assist. Fire Wardens must promptly report such fires to the Chief Fire Warden. The Forest Commissioner is required to provide and sign an abstract (as herewith) of the penalties under said law, and it is made the duty of the County Commissioners of each county to cause said abstract to be published in at least three issues of the official paper in their respective counties each year, between the 15th of April and 1st of November, and they are hereby instructed to publish this notice entire. Under said law:

The following are liable to a penalty not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the state prison not over ten years, or both:

Any person who maliciously sets or causes to be set on fire any woods, prairie or other combustible material whereby the property of another is destroyed and life is sacrificed.

The following are liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding three months:

Any person refusing, without cause, to assist fire wardens in extinguishing forest or prairie fires.

Any fire warden who neglects to perform his duties.

Any person who wilfully, negligently or carelessly sets on fire, or causes to be set on fire, any woods, prairie or other combustible material, thereby causing injury to another.

Any person who shall kindle a fire, on or dangerously near to forest, prairie land and leave it unquenched, or who shall be a party thereto.

Any person who shall use other than incandescent fire wads for firearms or carry a naked torch, firebrand or other exposed light in or dangerously near to forest land.

Any person who shall wilfully or heedlessly deface, destroy or remove this or any other warning sign posted under the requirements of the above mentioned Act.

Any railroad company wilfully neglecting to provide efficient spark arresters on its engines, or to keep its right of way to the width of 100 feet cleared of combustible material; or which shall fail to comply with other provisions of Section 12 of the above mentioned Act.

The following are liable to a penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50:

Any railroad employe who wilfully violates the provisions of Section 12 of the above mentioned Act.

Any owner of threshing or other portable steam engine who neglects to have efficient spark arresters, or who shall deposit live coals or hot ashes without extinguishing the same.

S. G. IVERSON, (State Auditor),
 C. O. ANDERSON, Forest Commissioner,
 Chief Fire Warden.

Farm Bookkeeping.

No business man can get along successfully without striking a balance now and then to see where he stands. Bookkeeping is a necessary element in commercial success. It is just as necessary for the farmer to examine his assets and liabilities from time to time to ascertain if he is making a profit or a loss as it is for any other business man. Farmers have not been doing business on business principles and only one result could follow.

The Subordinate Grange.

The subordinate grange is a link in the great chain now stretching from ocean to ocean, binding hundreds of thousands of the men and women of the farm in a fraternal body and by sacred obligation to put forth every effort to raise the standard of intelligence among the tillers of the soil and secure a just distribution of the burdens of society, as well as of the fruits of our labor.—O. Gardner.

Co-operation in New Jersey.

One grange in New Jersey reports purchases as follows for its members: Fertilizers, \$23,000; potatoes, \$5,000; seeds, \$2,000; straw, \$4,000, or about \$34,000 in all for one grange. There are many other granges doing co-operative work along business lines in that state.

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